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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1799

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1799 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 10. The Counties Code is amended by changing
5 Section 3-9005 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/3-9005) (from Ch. 34, par. 3-9005)

7 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 96-1551)

8 Sec. 3-9005. Powers and duties of State's attorney.

9 (a) The duty of each State's attorney shall be:

10 (1) To commence and prosecute all actions, suits,
11 indictments and prosecutions, civil and criminal, in the
12 circuit court for his county, in which the people of the
13 State or county may be concerned.

14 (2) To prosecute all forfeited bonds and
15 recognizances, and all actions and proceedings for the
16 recovery of debts, revenues, moneys, fines, penalties and

1 forfeitures accruing to the State or his county, or to any
2 school district or road district in his county; also, to
3 prosecute all suits in his county against railroad or
4 transportation companies, which may be prosecuted in the
5 name of the People of the State of Illinois.

6 (3) To commence and prosecute all actions and
7 proceedings brought by any county officer in his official
8 capacity.

9 (4) To defend all actions and proceedings brought
10 against his county, or against any county or State officer,
11 in his official capacity, within his county.

12 (5) To attend the examination of all persons brought
13 before any judge on habeas corpus, when the prosecution is
14 in his county.

15 (6) To attend before judges and prosecute charges of
16 felony or misdemeanor, for which the offender is required
17 to be recognized to appear before the circuit court, when
18 in his power so to do.

19 (7) To give his opinion, without fee or reward, to any
20 county officer in his county, upon any question or law
21 relating to any criminal or other matter, in which the
22 people or the county may be concerned.

23 (8) To assist the attorney general whenever it may be
24 necessary, and in cases of appeal from his county to the
25 Supreme Court, to which it is the duty of the attorney
26 general to attend, he shall furnish the attorney general at

1 least 10 days before such is due to be filed, a manuscript
2 of a proposed statement, brief and argument to be printed
3 and filed on behalf of the people, prepared in accordance
4 with the rules of the Supreme Court. However, if such
5 brief, argument or other document is due to be filed by law
6 or order of court within this 10 day period, then the
7 State's attorney shall furnish such as soon as may be
8 reasonable.

9 (9) To pay all moneys received by him in trust, without
10 delay, to the officer who by law is entitled to the custody
11 thereof.

12 (10) To notify, by first class mail, complaining
13 witnesses of the ultimate disposition of the cases arising
14 from an indictment or an information.

15 (11) To perform such other and further duties as may,
16 from time to time, be enjoined on him by law.

17 (12) To appear in all proceedings by collectors of
18 taxes against delinquent taxpayers for judgments to sell
19 real estate, and see that all the necessary preliminary
20 steps have been legally taken to make the judgment legal
21 and binding.

22 (13) To notify, by first-class mail, the State
23 Superintendent of Education, the applicable regional
24 superintendent of schools, and the superintendent of the
25 employing school district or the chief school
26 administrator of the employing nonpublic school, if any,

1 upon the conviction of any individual known to possess a
2 certificate or license issued pursuant to Article 21 or
3 21B, respectively, of the School Code of any offense set
4 forth in Section 21B-80 ~~21-23a~~ of the School Code or any
5 other felony conviction, providing the name of the
6 certificate holder, the fact of the conviction, and the
7 name and location of the court where the conviction
8 occurred. The certificate holder must also be
9 contemporaneously sent a copy of the notice.

10 (b) The State's Attorney of each county shall have
11 authority to appoint one or more special investigators to serve
12 subpoenas, make return of process and conduct investigations
13 which assist the State's Attorney in the performance of his
14 duties. A special investigator shall not carry firearms except
15 with permission of the State's Attorney and only while carrying
16 appropriate identification indicating his employment and in
17 the performance of his assigned duties.

18 Subject to the qualifications set forth in this subsection,
19 special investigators shall be peace officers and shall have
20 all the powers possessed by investigators under the State's
21 Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's Act.

22 No special investigator employed by the State's Attorney
23 shall have peace officer status or exercise police powers
24 unless he or she successfully completes the basic police
25 training course mandated and approved by the Illinois Law
26 Enforcement Training Standards Board or such board waives the

1 training requirement by reason of the special investigator's
2 prior law enforcement experience or training or both. Any
3 State's Attorney appointing a special investigator shall
4 consult with all affected local police agencies, to the extent
5 consistent with the public interest, if the special
6 investigator is assigned to areas within that agency's
7 jurisdiction.

8 Before a person is appointed as a special investigator, his
9 fingerprints shall be taken and transmitted to the Department
10 of State Police. The Department shall examine its records and
11 submit to the State's Attorney of the county in which the
12 investigator seeks appointment any conviction information
13 concerning the person on file with the Department. No person
14 shall be appointed as a special investigator if he has been
15 convicted of a felony or other offense involving moral
16 turpitude. A special investigator shall be paid a salary and be
17 reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in performing his
18 assigned duties. The county board shall approve the salary and
19 actual expenses and appropriate the salary and expenses in the
20 manner prescribed by law or ordinance.

21 (c) The State's Attorney may request and receive from
22 employers, labor unions, telephone companies, and utility
23 companies location information concerning putative fathers and
24 noncustodial parents for the purpose of establishing a child's
25 paternity or establishing, enforcing, or modifying a child
26 support obligation. In this subsection, "location information"

1 means information about (i) the physical whereabouts of a
2 putative father or noncustodial parent, (ii) the putative
3 father or noncustodial parent's employer, or (iii) the salary,
4 wages, and other compensation paid and the health insurance
5 coverage provided to the putative father or noncustodial parent
6 by the employer of the putative father or noncustodial parent
7 or by a labor union of which the putative father or
8 noncustodial parent is a member.

9 (d) For each State fiscal year, the State's Attorney of
10 Cook County shall appear before the General Assembly and
11 request appropriations to be made from the Capital Litigation
12 Trust Fund to the State Treasurer for the purpose of providing
13 assistance in the prosecution of capital cases in Cook County
14 and for the purpose of providing assistance to the State in
15 post-conviction proceedings in capital cases under Article 122
16 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 and in relation to
17 petitions filed under Section 2-1401 of the Code of Civil
18 Procedure in relation to capital cases. The State's Attorney
19 may appear before the General Assembly at other times during
20 the State's fiscal year to request supplemental appropriations
21 from the Trust Fund to the State Treasurer.

22 (e) The State's Attorney shall have the authority to enter
23 into a written agreement with the Department of Revenue for
24 pursuit of civil liability under Section 17-1a of the Criminal
25 Code of 1961 against persons who have issued to the Department
26 checks or other orders in violation of the provisions of

1 paragraph (d) of subsection (B) of Section 17-1 of the Criminal
2 Code of 1961, with the Department to retain the amount owing
3 upon the dishonored check or order along with the dishonored
4 check fee imposed under the Uniform Penalty and Interest Act,
5 with the balance of damages, fees, and costs collected under
6 Section 17-1a of the Criminal Code of 1961 to be retained by
7 the State's Attorney. The agreement shall not affect the
8 allocation of fines and costs imposed in any criminal
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10 (Source: P.A. 96-431, eff. 8-13-09.)

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4 allocation of fines and costs imposed in any criminal
5 prosecution.

6 (Source: P.A. 96-431, eff. 8-13-09; 96-1551, eff. 7-1-11.)

7 Section 15. The School Code is amended by changing Sections
8 2-3.25o, 3-11.5, 3-12, 10-21.9, 14C-8, 21-1a, 21-1b, 21-2,
9 21-2.1, 21-2a, 21-3, 21-4, 21-5, 21-5b, 21-5c, 21-5d, 21-7.1,
10 21-7.5, 21-7.6, 21-9, 21-10, 21-11.1, 21-11.2, 21-11.3,
11 21-11.4, 21-12, 21-14, 21-16, 21-22, 21-25, 21-27, 24-14, 34-6,
12 and 34-18.5 and by adding Article 21B as follows:

13 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.25o)

14 Sec. 2-3.25o. Registration and recognition of non-public
15 elementary and secondary schools.

16 (a) Findings. The General Assembly finds and declares (i)
17 that the Constitution of the State of Illinois provides that a
18 "fundamental goal of the People of the State is the educational
19 development of all persons to the limits of their capacities"
20 and (ii) that the educational development of every school
21 student serves the public purposes of the State. In order to
22 ensure that all Illinois students and teachers have the
23 opportunity to enroll and work in State-approved educational
24 institutions and programs, the State Board of Education shall

1 provide for the voluntary registration and recognition of
2 non-public elementary and secondary schools.

3 (b) Registration. All non-public elementary and secondary
4 schools in the State of Illinois may voluntarily register with
5 the State Board of Education on an annual basis. Registration
6 shall be completed in conformance with procedures prescribed by
7 the State Board of Education. Information required for
8 registration shall include assurances of compliance (i) with
9 federal and State laws regarding health examination and
10 immunization, attendance, length of term, and
11 nondiscrimination and (ii) with applicable fire and health
12 safety requirements.

13 (c) Recognition. All non-public elementary and secondary
14 schools in the State of Illinois may voluntarily seek the
15 status of "Non-public School Recognition" from the State Board
16 of Education. This status may be obtained by compliance with
17 administrative guidelines and review procedures as prescribed
18 by the State Board of Education. The guidelines and procedures
19 must recognize that some of the aims and the financial bases of
20 non-public schools are different from public schools and will
21 not be identical to those for public schools, nor will they be
22 more burdensome. The guidelines and procedures must also
23 recognize the diversity of non-public schools and shall not
24 impinge upon the noneducational relationships between those
25 schools and their clientele.

26 (c-5) Prohibition against recognition. A non-public

1 elementary or secondary school may not obtain "Non-public
2 School Recognition" status unless the school requires all
3 certified and non-certified applicants for employment with the
4 school, after July 1, 2007, to authorize a fingerprint-based
5 criminal history records check as a condition of employment to
6 determine if such applicants have been convicted of any of the
7 enumerated criminal or drug offenses set forth in Section
8 21-23a of this Code or have been convicted, within 7 years of
9 the application for employment, of any other felony under the
10 laws of this State or of any offense committed or attempted in
11 any other state or against the laws of the United States that,
12 if committed or attempted in this State, would have been
13 punishable as a felony under the laws of this State.

14 Authorization for the check shall be furnished by the
15 applicant to the school, except that if the applicant is a
16 substitute teacher seeking employment in more than one
17 non-public school, a teacher seeking concurrent part-time
18 employment positions with more than one non-public school (as a
19 reading specialist, special education teacher, or otherwise),
20 or an educational support personnel employee seeking
21 employment positions with more than one non-public school, then
22 only one of the non-public schools employing the individual
23 shall request the authorization. Upon receipt of this
24 authorization, the non-public school shall submit the
25 applicant's name, sex, race, date of birth, social security
26 number, fingerprint images, and other identifiers, as

1 prescribed by the Department of State Police, to the Department
2 of State Police.

3 The Department of State Police and Federal Bureau of
4 Investigation shall furnish, pursuant to a fingerprint-based
5 criminal history records check, records of convictions,
6 forever and hereafter, until expunged, to the president or
7 principal of the non-public school that requested the check.
8 The Department of State Police shall charge that school a fee
9 for conducting such check, which fee must be deposited into the
10 State Police Services Fund and must not exceed the cost of the
11 inquiry. Subject to appropriations for these purposes, the
12 State Superintendent of Education shall reimburse non-public
13 schools for fees paid to obtain criminal history records checks
14 under this Section.

15 A non-public school may not obtain recognition status
16 unless the school also performs a check of the Statewide Sex
17 Offender Database, as authorized by the Sex Offender Community
18 Notification Law, for each applicant for employment, after July
19 1, 2007, to determine whether the applicant has been
20 adjudicated a sex offender.

21 Any information concerning the record of convictions
22 obtained by a non-public school's president or principal under
23 this Section is confidential and may be disseminated only to
24 the governing body of the non-public school or any other person
25 necessary to the decision of hiring the applicant for
26 employment. A copy of the record of convictions obtained from

1 the Department of State Police shall be provided to the
2 applicant for employment. Upon a check of the Statewide Sex
3 Offender Database, the non-public school shall notify the
4 applicant as to whether or not the applicant has been
5 identified in the Sex Offender Database as a sex offender. Any
6 information concerning the records of conviction obtained by
7 the non-public school's president or principal under this
8 Section for a substitute teacher seeking employment in more
9 than one non-public school, a teacher seeking concurrent
10 part-time employment positions with more than one non-public
11 school (as a reading specialist, special education teacher, or
12 otherwise), or an educational support personnel employee
13 seeking employment positions with more than one non-public
14 school may be shared with another non-public school's principal
15 or president to which the applicant seeks employment. Any
16 person who releases any criminal history record information
17 concerning an applicant for employment is guilty of a Class A
18 misdemeanor and may be subject to prosecution under federal
19 law, unless the release of such information is authorized by
20 this Section.

21 No non-public school may obtain recognition status that
22 knowingly employs a person, hired after July 1, 2007, for whom
23 a Department of State Police and Federal Bureau of
24 Investigation fingerprint-based criminal history records check
25 and a Statewide Sex Offender Database check has not been
26 initiated or who has been convicted of any offense enumerated

1 in Section 21B-80 ~~21-23a~~ of this Code or any offense committed
2 or attempted in any other state or against the laws of the
3 United States that, if committed or attempted in this State,
4 would have been punishable as one or more of those offenses. No
5 non-public school may obtain recognition status under this
6 Section that knowingly employs a person who has been found to
7 be the perpetrator of sexual or physical abuse of a minor under
8 18 years of age pursuant to proceedings under Article II of the
9 Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

10 In order to obtain recognition status under this Section, a
11 non-public school must require compliance with the provisions
12 of this subsection (c-5) from all employees of persons or firms
13 holding contracts with the school, including, but not limited
14 to, food service workers, school bus drivers, and other
15 transportation employees, who have direct, daily contact with
16 pupils. Any information concerning the records of conviction or
17 identification as a sex offender of any such employee obtained
18 by the non-public school principal or president must be
19 promptly reported to the school's governing body.

20 (d) Public purposes. The provisions of this Section are in
21 the public interest, for the public benefit, and serve secular
22 public purposes.

23 (e) Definition. For purposes of this Section, a non-public
24 school means any non-profit, non-home-based, and non-public
25 elementary or secondary school that is in compliance with Title
26 VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and attendance at which

1 satisfies the requirements of Section 26-1 of this Code.

2 (Source: P.A. 95-351, eff. 8-23-07; 96-431, eff. 8-13-09.)

3 (105 ILCS 5/3-11.5)

4 Sec. 3-11.5. Regional professional development review
5 committee. The regional superintendent of schools shall
6 constitute a regional professional development review
7 committee or committees, as provided in paragraph (2) of
8 subsection (g) of Section 21-14 of this Code, to advise the
9 regional superintendent of schools, upon his or her request,
10 and to hear appeals relating to the renewal of teaching
11 certificates, in accordance with Section 21-14 of this Code.
12 The expenses of these review committees shall be funded, in
13 part, from the fees collected pursuant to Section 21-16 or
14 21B-40 of this Code and deposited into the institute fund.

15 (Source: P.A. 91-102, eff. 7-12-99.)

16 (105 ILCS 5/3-12) (from Ch. 122, par. 3-12)

17 Sec. 3-12. Institute fund.

18 (a) All certificate registration fees and a portion of
19 renewal and duplicate fees shall be kept by the regional
20 superintendent as described in Section 21-16 or 21B-40 of this
21 Code, together with a record of the names of the persons paying
22 them. Such fees shall be deposited into the institute fund and
23 shall be used by the regional superintendent to defray expenses
24 associated with the work of the regional professional

1 development review committees established pursuant to
2 paragraph (2) of subsection (g) of Section 21-14 of this Code
3 to advise the regional superintendent, upon his or her request,
4 and to hear appeals relating to the renewal of teaching
5 certificates, in accordance with Section 21-14 of this Code; to
6 defray expenses connected with improving the technology
7 necessary for the efficient processing of certificates; to
8 defray all costs associated with the administration of teaching
9 certificates; to defray expenses incidental to teachers'
10 institutes, workshops or meetings of a professional nature that
11 are designed to promote the professional growth of teachers or
12 for the purpose of defraying the expense of any general or
13 special meeting of teachers or school personnel of the region,
14 which has been approved by the regional superintendent.

15 (b) In addition to the use of moneys in the institute fund
16 to defray expenses under subsection (a) of this Section, the
17 State Superintendent of Education, as authorized under Section
18 2-3.105 of this Code, shall use moneys in the institute fund to
19 defray all costs associated with the administration of teaching
20 certificates within a city having a population exceeding
21 500,000.

22 (c) The regional superintendent shall on or before January
23 1 of each year publish in a newspaper of general circulation
24 published in the region or shall post in each school building
25 under his jurisdiction an accounting of (1) the balance on hand
26 in the Institute fund at the beginning of the previous year;

1 (2) all receipts within the previous year deposited in the
2 fund, with the sources from which they were derived; (3) the
3 amount distributed from the fund and the purposes for which
4 such distributions were made; and (4) the balance on hand in
5 the fund.

6 (Source: P.A. 96-893, eff. 7-1-10.)

7 (105 ILCS 5/10-21.9) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-21.9)

8 Sec. 10-21.9. Criminal history records checks and checks of
9 the Statewide Sex Offender Database and Statewide Child
10 Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Database.

11 (a) Certified and noncertified applicants for employment
12 with a school district, except school bus driver applicants,
13 are required as a condition of employment to authorize a
14 fingerprint-based criminal history records check to determine
15 if such applicants have been convicted of any of the enumerated
16 criminal or drug offenses in subsection (c) of this Section or
17 have been convicted, within 7 years of the application for
18 employment with the school district, of any other felony under
19 the laws of this State or of any offense committed or attempted
20 in any other state or against the laws of the United States
21 that, if committed or attempted in this State, would have been
22 punishable as a felony under the laws of this State.
23 Authorization for the check shall be furnished by the applicant
24 to the school district, except that if the applicant is a
25 substitute teacher seeking employment in more than one school

1 district, a teacher seeking concurrent part-time employment
2 positions with more than one school district (as a reading
3 specialist, special education teacher or otherwise), or an
4 educational support personnel employee seeking employment
5 positions with more than one district, any such district may
6 require the applicant to furnish authorization for the check to
7 the regional superintendent of the educational service region
8 in which are located the school districts in which the
9 applicant is seeking employment as a substitute or concurrent
10 part-time teacher or concurrent educational support personnel
11 employee. Upon receipt of this authorization, the school
12 district or the appropriate regional superintendent, as the
13 case may be, shall submit the applicant's name, sex, race, date
14 of birth, social security number, fingerprint images, and other
15 identifiers, as prescribed by the Department of State Police,
16 to the Department. The regional superintendent submitting the
17 requisite information to the Department of State Police shall
18 promptly notify the school districts in which the applicant is
19 seeking employment as a substitute or concurrent part-time
20 teacher or concurrent educational support personnel employee
21 that the check of the applicant has been requested. The
22 Department of State Police and the Federal Bureau of
23 Investigation shall furnish, pursuant to a fingerprint-based
24 criminal history records check, records of convictions, until
25 expunged, to the president of the school board for the school
26 district that requested the check, or to the regional

1 superintendent who requested the check. The Department shall
2 charge the school district or the appropriate regional
3 superintendent a fee for conducting such check, which fee shall
4 be deposited in the State Police Services Fund and shall not
5 exceed the cost of the inquiry; and the applicant shall not be
6 charged a fee for such check by the school district or by the
7 regional superintendent, except that those applicants seeking
8 employment as a substitute teacher with a school district may
9 be charged a fee not to exceed the cost of the inquiry. Subject
10 to appropriations for these purposes, the State Superintendent
11 of Education shall reimburse school districts and regional
12 superintendents for fees paid to obtain criminal history
13 records checks under this Section.

14 (a-5) The school district or regional superintendent shall
15 further perform a check of the Statewide Sex Offender Database,
16 as authorized by the Sex Offender Community Notification Law,
17 for each applicant.

18 (a-6) The school district or regional superintendent shall
19 further perform a check of the Statewide Child Murderer and
20 Violent Offender Against Youth Database, as authorized by the
21 Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Community
22 Notification Law, for each applicant.

23 (b) Any information concerning the record of convictions
24 obtained by the president of the school board or the regional
25 superintendent shall be confidential and may only be
26 transmitted to the superintendent of the school district or his

1 designee, the appropriate regional superintendent if the check
2 was requested by the school district, the presidents of the
3 appropriate school boards if the check was requested from the
4 Department of State Police by the regional superintendent, the
5 State Superintendent of Education, the State Teacher
6 Certification Board, any other person necessary to the decision
7 of hiring the applicant for employment, or for clarification
8 purposes the Department of State Police or Statewide Sex
9 Offender Database, or both. A copy of the record of convictions
10 obtained from the Department of State Police shall be provided
11 to the applicant for employment. Upon the check of the
12 Statewide Sex Offender Database, the school district or
13 regional superintendent shall notify an applicant as to whether
14 or not the applicant has been identified in the Database as a
15 sex offender. If a check of an applicant for employment as a
16 substitute or concurrent part-time teacher or concurrent
17 educational support personnel employee in more than one school
18 district was requested by the regional superintendent, and the
19 Department of State Police upon a check ascertains that the
20 applicant has not been convicted of any of the enumerated
21 criminal or drug offenses in subsection (c) or has not been
22 convicted, within 7 years of the application for employment
23 with the school district, of any other felony under the laws of
24 this State or of any offense committed or attempted in any
25 other state or against the laws of the United States that, if
26 committed or attempted in this State, would have been

1 punishable as a felony under the laws of this State and so
2 notifies the regional superintendent and if the regional
3 superintendent upon a check ascertains that the applicant has
4 not been identified in the Sex Offender Database as a sex
5 offender, then the regional superintendent shall issue to the
6 applicant a certificate evidencing that as of the date
7 specified by the Department of State Police the applicant has
8 not been convicted of any of the enumerated criminal or drug
9 offenses in subsection (c) or has not been convicted, within 7
10 years of the application for employment with the school
11 district, of any other felony under the laws of this State or
12 of any offense committed or attempted in any other state or
13 against the laws of the United States that, if committed or
14 attempted in this State, would have been punishable as a felony
15 under the laws of this State and evidencing that as of the date
16 that the regional superintendent conducted a check of the
17 Statewide Sex Offender Database, the applicant has not been
18 identified in the Database as a sex offender. The school board
19 of any school district may rely on the certificate issued by
20 any regional superintendent to that substitute teacher,
21 concurrent part-time teacher, or concurrent educational
22 support personnel employee or may initiate its own criminal
23 history records check of the applicant through the Department
24 of State Police and its own check of the Statewide Sex Offender
25 Database as provided in subsection (a). Any person who releases
26 any confidential information concerning any criminal

1 convictions of an applicant for employment shall be guilty of a
2 Class A misdemeanor, unless the release of such information is
3 authorized by this Section.

4 (c) No school board shall knowingly employ a person who has
5 been convicted of any offense that would subject him or her to
6 license ~~certification~~ suspension or revocation pursuant to
7 Section 21B-80 ~~21-23a~~ of this Code. Further, no school board
8 shall knowingly employ a person who has been found to be the
9 perpetrator of sexual or physical abuse of any minor under 18
10 years of age pursuant to proceedings under Article II of the
11 Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

12 (d) No school board shall knowingly employ a person for
13 whom a criminal history records check and a Statewide Sex
14 Offender Database check has not been initiated.

15 (e) Upon receipt of the record of a conviction of or a
16 finding of child abuse by a holder of any certificate issued
17 pursuant to Article 21 or Section 34-8.1 or 34-83 of the School
18 Code, the State Superintendent of Education may initiate
19 certificate suspension and revocation proceedings as
20 authorized by law.

21 (e-5) The superintendent of the employing school board
22 shall, in writing, notify the State Superintendent of Education
23 and the applicable regional superintendent of schools of any
24 certificate holder whom he or she has reasonable cause to
25 believe has committed an intentional act of abuse or neglect
26 with the result of making a child an abused child or a

1 neglected child, as defined in Section 3 of the Abused and
2 Neglected Child Reporting Act, and that act resulted in the
3 certificate holder's dismissal or resignation from the school
4 district. This notification must be submitted within 30 days
5 after the dismissal or resignation. The certificate holder must
6 also be contemporaneously sent a copy of the notice by the
7 superintendent. All correspondence, documentation, and other
8 information so received by the regional superintendent of
9 schools, the State Superintendent of Education, the State Board
10 of Education, or the State Teacher Certification Board under
11 this subsection (e-5) is confidential and must not be disclosed
12 to third parties, except (i) as necessary for the State
13 Superintendent of Education or his or her designee to
14 investigate and prosecute pursuant to Article 21 of this Code,
15 (ii) pursuant to a court order, (iii) for disclosure to the
16 certificate holder or his or her representative, or (iv) as
17 otherwise provided in this Article and provided that any such
18 information admitted into evidence in a hearing is exempt from
19 this confidentiality and non-disclosure requirement. Except
20 for an act of willful or wanton misconduct, any superintendent
21 who provides notification as required in this subsection (e-5)
22 shall have immunity from any liability, whether civil or
23 criminal or that otherwise might result by reason of such
24 action.

25 (f) After January 1, 1990 the provisions of this Section
26 shall apply to all employees of persons or firms holding

1 contracts with any school district including, but not limited
2 to, food service workers, school bus drivers and other
3 transportation employees, who have direct, daily contact with
4 the pupils of any school in such district. For purposes of
5 criminal history records checks and checks of the Statewide Sex
6 Offender Database on employees of persons or firms holding
7 contracts with more than one school district and assigned to
8 more than one school district, the regional superintendent of
9 the educational service region in which the contracting school
10 districts are located may, at the request of any such school
11 district, be responsible for receiving the authorization for a
12 criminal history records check prepared by each such employee
13 and submitting the same to the Department of State Police and
14 for conducting a check of the Statewide Sex Offender Database
15 for each employee. Any information concerning the record of
16 conviction and identification as a sex offender of any such
17 employee obtained by the regional superintendent shall be
18 promptly reported to the president of the appropriate school
19 board or school boards.

20 (g) In order to student teach in the public schools, a
21 person is required to authorize a fingerprint-based criminal
22 history records check and checks of the Statewide Sex Offender
23 Database and Statewide Child Murderer and Violent Offender
24 Against Youth Database prior to participating in any field
25 experiences in the public schools. Authorization for and
26 payment of the costs of the checks must be furnished by the

1 student teacher. Results of the checks must be furnished to the
2 higher education institution where the student teacher is
3 enrolled and the superintendent of the school district where
4 the student is assigned.

5 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07; 96-431, eff. 8-13-09;
6 96-1452, eff. 8-20-10; 96-1489, eff. 1-1-11; revised 1-4-11.)

7 (105 ILCS 5/14C-8) (from Ch. 122, par. 14C-8)

8 Sec. 14C-8. Teacher certification - Qualifications -
9 Issuance of certificates. No person shall be eligible for
10 employment by a school district as a teacher of transitional
11 bilingual education without either (a) holding a valid teaching
12 certificate issued pursuant to Article 21 of this Code and
13 meeting such additional language and course requirements as
14 prescribed by the State Board of Education or (b) meeting the
15 requirements set forth in this Section. The Certification Board
16 shall issue certificates valid for teaching in all grades of
17 the common school in transitional bilingual education programs
18 to any person who presents it with satisfactory evidence that
19 he possesses an adequate speaking and reading ability in a
20 language other than English in which transitional bilingual
21 education is offered and communicative skills in English, and
22 possessed within 5 years previous to his or her applying for a
23 certificate under this Section a valid teaching certificate
24 issued by a foreign country, or by a State or possession or
25 territory of the United States, or other evidence of teaching

1 preparation as may be determined to be sufficient by the
2 Certification Board, or holds a degree from an institution of
3 higher learning in a foreign country which the Certification
4 Board determines to be the equivalent of a bachelor's degree
5 from a recognized institution of higher learning in the United
6 States; provided that any person seeking a certificate under
7 this Section must meet the following additional requirements:

8 (1) Such persons must be in good health;

9 (2) Such persons must be of sound moral character;

10 (3) Such persons must be legally present in the United
11 States and possess legal authorization for employment;

12 (4) Such persons must not be employed to replace any
13 presently employed teacher who otherwise would not be
14 replaced for any reason.

15 Certificates issuable pursuant to this Section shall be
16 issuable only during the 5 years immediately following the
17 effective date of this Act and thereafter for additional
18 periods of one year only upon a determination by the State
19 Board of Education that a school district lacks the number of
20 teachers necessary to comply with the mandatory requirements of
21 Section 14C-3 of this Article for the establishment and
22 maintenance of programs of transitional bilingual education
23 and said certificates issued by the Certification Board shall
24 be valid for a period of 6 years following their date of
25 issuance and shall not be renewed, except that one renewal for
26 a period of two years may be granted if necessary to permit the

1 holder of a certificate issued under this Section to acquire a
2 teaching certificate pursuant to Article 21 of this Code. Such
3 certificates and the persons to whom they are issued shall be
4 exempt from the provisions of Article 21 or Article 21B of this
5 Code, except that Sections 21-16, 21-22, 21B-75, 21B-90, and
6 21B-105 of this Code shall continue to be applicable to all
7 such certificates or licenses ~~except that Sections 21-12,~~
8 ~~21-13, 21-16, 21-17, 21-21, 21-22, 21-23 and 21-24 shall~~
9 ~~continue to be applicable to all such certificates.~~

10 After the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1984, an
11 additional renewal for a period to expire August 31, 1985, may
12 be granted. The State Board of Education shall report to the
13 General Assembly on or before January 31, 1985 its
14 recommendations for the qualification of teachers of bilingual
15 education and for the qualification of teachers of English as a
16 second language. Said qualification program shall take effect
17 no later than August 31, 1985.

18 Beginning July 1, 2001, the State Board of Education shall
19 implement a test or tests to assess the speaking, reading,
20 writing, and grammar skills of applicants for a certificate
21 issued under this Section in the English language and in the
22 language of the transitional bilingual education program
23 requested by the applicant and shall establish appropriate fees
24 for these tests. The State Board of Education, in consultation
25 with the Certification Board, shall promulgate rules to
26 implement the required tests, including specific provisions to

1 govern test selection, test validation, determination of a
2 passing score, administration of the test or tests, frequency
3 of administration, applicant fees, identification requirements
4 for test takers, frequency of applicants taking the tests, the
5 years for which a score is valid, waiving tests for individuals
6 who have satisfactorily passed other tests, and the
7 consequences of dishonest conduct in the application for or
8 taking of the tests.

9 If the qualifications of an applicant for a certificate
10 valid for teaching in transitional bilingual education
11 programs in all grades of the common schools do not meet the
12 requirements established for the issuance of that certificate,
13 the Certification Board nevertheless shall issue the applicant
14 a substitute teacher's certificate under Section 21-9 whenever
15 it appears from the face of the application submitted for
16 certification as a teacher of transitional bilingual education
17 and the evidence presented in support thereof that the
18 applicant's qualifications meet the requirements established
19 for the issuance of a certificate under Section 21-9; provided,
20 that if it does not appear from the face of such application
21 and supporting evidence that the applicant is qualified for
22 issuance of a certificate under Section 21-9 the Certification
23 Board shall evaluate the application with reference to the
24 requirements for issuance of certificates under Section 21-9
25 and shall inform the applicant, at the time it denies the
26 application submitted for certification as a teacher of

1 transitional bilingual education, of the additional
2 qualifications which the applicant must possess in order to
3 meet the requirements established for issuance of (i) a
4 certificate valid for teaching in transitional bilingual
5 education programs in all grades of the common schools and (ii)
6 a substitute teacher's certificate under Section 21-9.

7 This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

8 (Source: P.A. 94-1105, eff. 6-1-07; 95-496, eff. 8-28-07;
9 95-876, eff. 8-21-08.)

10 (105 ILCS 5/21-1a) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-1a)

11 Sec. 21-1a. Tests required for certification and teacher
12 preparation.

13 (a) After July 1, 1988, in addition to all other
14 requirements, early childhood, elementary, special, high
15 school, school service personnel, or, except as provided in
16 Section 34-6, administrative certificates shall be issued to
17 persons who have satisfactorily passed a test of basic skills,
18 an assessment of professional teaching, and a test of subject
19 matter knowledge, provided that a person who passed another
20 state's test of basic skills as a condition of certification or
21 of admission to a teacher preparation program shall not be
22 required to pass this State's test of basic skills. The tests
23 of basic skills and subject matter knowledge shall be the tests
24 which from time to time are designated by the State Board of
25 Education in consultation with the State Teacher Certification

1 Board and may be tests prepared by an educational testing
2 organization or tests designed by the State Board of Education
3 in consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board. The
4 areas to be covered by the test of basic skills shall include
5 the basic skills of reading, writing, grammar and mathematics.
6 The test of subject matter knowledge shall assess content
7 knowledge in the specific subject field. The tests shall be
8 designed to be racially neutral to assure that no person in
9 taking the tests is thereby discriminated against on the basis
10 of race, color, national origin or other factors unrelated to
11 the person's ability to perform as a certificated employee. The
12 score required to pass the tests of basic skills and subject
13 matter knowledge shall be fixed by the State Board of Education
14 in consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board. The
15 tests shall be held not fewer than 3 times a year at such time
16 and place as may be designated by the State Board of Education
17 in consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board.

18 (b) (Blank). ~~Except as provided in Section 34-6, the~~
19 ~~provisions of subsection (a) of this Section shall apply~~
20 ~~equally in any school district subject to Article 34, provided~~
21 ~~that the State Board of Education shall determine which~~
22 ~~certificates issued under Sections 34-8.1 and 34-83 prior to~~
23 ~~July 1, 1988 are comparable to any early childhood certificate,~~
24 ~~elementary school certificate, special certificate, high~~
25 ~~school certificate, school service personnel certificate or~~
26 ~~administrative certificate issued under this Article as of July~~

1 ~~1, 1988.~~

2 (c) (Blank). ~~A person who holds an early childhood,~~
3 ~~elementary, special, high school or school service personnel~~
4 ~~certificate issued under this Article on or at any time before~~
5 ~~July 1, 1988, including a person who has been issued any such~~
6 ~~certificate pursuant to Section 21 11.1 or in exchange for a~~
7 ~~comparable certificate theretofore issued under Section 34 8.1~~
8 ~~or Section 34 83, shall not be required to take or pass the~~
9 ~~tests in order to thereafter have such certificate renewed.~~

10 (d) The State Board of Education in consultation with the
11 State Teacher Certification Board shall conduct a pilot
12 administration of the tests by administering the test to
13 students completing teacher education programs in the 1986-87
14 school year for the purpose of determining the effect and
15 impact of testing candidates for certification.

16 Beginning with the 2002-2003 academic year, a student may
17 not enroll in a teacher preparation program at a recognized
18 teacher training institution until he or she has passed the
19 basic skills test.

20 Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act of
21 the 94th General Assembly, prior to completing an approved
22 teacher preparation program, a preservice education candidate
23 must satisfactorily pass the test of subject matter knowledge
24 in the discipline in which he or she will be certified to
25 teach. The teacher preparation program may require passage of
26 the test of subject matter knowledge at any time during the

1 program, including prior to student teaching.

2 (e) The rules and regulations developed to implement the
3 required test of basic skills and subject matter knowledge
4 shall include the requirements of subsections (a), (b), and (c)
5 and shall include specific regulations to govern test
6 selection; test validation and determination of a passing
7 score; administration of the tests; frequency of
8 administration; applicant fees; frequency of applicants'
9 taking the tests; the years for which a score is valid; and,
10 waiving certain additional tests for additional certificates
11 to individuals who have satisfactorily passed the test of basic
12 skills and subject matter knowledge as required in subsection
13 (a). The State Board of Education shall provide, by rule,
14 specific policies that assure uniformity in the difficulty
15 level of each form of the basic skills test and each subject
16 matter knowledge test from test-to-test and year-to-year. The
17 State Board of Education shall also set a passing score for the
18 tests.

19 (f) (Blank). ~~The State Teacher Certification Board may~~
20 ~~issue a nonrenewable temporary certificate between July 1, 1988~~
21 ~~and August 31, 1988 to individuals who have taken the tests of~~
22 ~~basic skills and subject matter knowledge prescribed by this~~
23 ~~Section but have not received such test scores by August 31,~~
24 ~~1988. Such temporary certificates shall expire on December 31,~~
25 ~~1988.~~

26 (g) (Blank). ~~Beginning February 15, 2000, the State Board~~

1 ~~of Education, in consultation with the State Teacher~~
2 ~~Certification Board, shall implement and administer a new~~
3 ~~system of certification for teachers in the State of Illinois.~~
4 ~~The State Board of Education, in consultation with the State~~
5 ~~Teacher Certification Board, shall design and implement a~~
6 ~~system of examinations and various other criteria which shall~~
7 ~~be required prior to the issuance of Initial Teaching~~
8 ~~Certificates and Standard Teaching Certificates. These~~
9 ~~examinations and indicators shall be based on national and~~
10 ~~State professional teaching standards, as determined by the~~
11 ~~State Board of Education, in consultation with the State~~
12 ~~Teacher Certification Board. The State Board of Education may~~
13 ~~adopt any and all regulations necessary to implement and~~
14 ~~administer this Section.~~

15 (h) (Blank). ~~The State Board of Education shall report to~~
16 ~~the Illinois General Assembly and the Governor with~~
17 ~~recommendations for further changes and improvements to the~~
18 ~~teacher certification system no later than July 1, 1999 and on~~
19 ~~an annual basis until July 1, 2001.~~

20 (i) This Section is repealed on June 30, 2012.

21 (Source: P.A. 96-689, eff. 8-25-09.)

22 (105 ILCS 5/21-1b) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-1b)

23 Sec. 21-1b. Subject endorsement on certificates.

24 (a) All certificates initially issued under this Article
25 after June 30, 1986, shall be specifically endorsed by the

1 State Board of Education for each subject the holder of the
2 certificate is legally qualified to teach, such endorsements to
3 be made in accordance with standards promulgated by the State
4 Board of Education in consultation with the State Teacher
5 Certification Board. The regional superintendent of schools,
6 however, has the duty, after appropriate training, to accept
7 and review all transcripts for new initial certificate
8 applications and ensure that each applicant has met all of the
9 criteria established by the State Board of Education in
10 consultation with with the State Teacher Certification Board.
11 All certificates which are issued under this Article prior to
12 July 1, 1986 may, by application to the State Board of
13 Education, be specifically endorsed for each subject the holder
14 is legally qualified to teach. Endorsements issued under this
15 Section shall not apply to substitute teacher's certificates
16 issued under Section 21-9 of this Code.

17 (b) Until December 31, 2011 ~~Commencing July 1, 1999~~, each
18 application for endorsement of an existing teaching
19 certificate shall be accompanied by a \$30 nonrefundable fee.

20 (c) Beginning on January 1, 2012, each application for
21 endorsement of an existing teaching certificate must be
22 accompanied by a \$50 nonrefundable fee.

23 (d) There is hereby created a Teacher Certificate Fee
24 Revolving Fund as a special fund within the State Treasury. The
25 proceeds of each endorsement ~~\$30~~ fee shall be paid into the
26 Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund; and the moneys in that

1 Fund shall be appropriated and used to provide the technology
2 and other resources necessary for the timely and efficient
3 processing of certification requests. The Teacher Certificate
4 Fee Revolving Fund is not subject to administrative charge
5 transfers authorized under Section 8h of the State Finance Act
6 from the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund into any other
7 fund of this State.

8 (e) The State Board of Education and each regional office
9 of education are authorized to charge a service or convenience
10 fee for the use of credit cards for the payment of
11 certification fees. This service or convenience fee may not
12 exceed the amount required by the credit card processing
13 company or vendor that has entered into a contract with the
14 State Board or regional office of education for this purpose,
15 and the fee must be paid to that company or vendor.

16 (f) This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

17 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07; 96-403, eff. 8-13-09.)

18 (105 ILCS 5/21-2) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-2)

19 Sec. 21-2. Grades of certificates.

20 (a) All certificates issued under this Article shall be
21 State certificates valid, ~~except as limited in Section 21-1,~~ in
22 every school district coming under the provisions of this Act
23 and shall be limited in time and designated as follows:
24 Provisional vocational certificate, temporary provisional
25 vocational certificate, early childhood certificate,

1 elementary school certificate, special certificate, secondary
2 certificate, school service personnel certificate,
3 administrative certificate, provisional certificate, and
4 substitute certificate. The requirement of student teaching
5 under close and competent supervision for obtaining a teaching
6 certificate may be waived by the State Teacher Certification
7 Board upon presentation to the Board by the teacher of evidence
8 of one year or more of ~~5 years~~ successful teaching experience
9 on a valid certificate and graduation from a recognized
10 institution of higher learning with a bachelor's degree or
11 higher.

12 (b) Initial Teaching Certificate. Persons who (1) have
13 completed an approved teacher preparation program, (2) are
14 recommended by an approved teacher preparation program, (3)
15 have successfully completed the Initial Teaching Certification
16 examinations required by the State Board of Education, and (4)
17 have met all other criteria established by the State Board of
18 Education in consultation with the State Teacher Certification
19 Board, shall be issued an Initial Teaching Certificate valid
20 for 4 years of teaching, as defined in Section 21-14 of this
21 Code. Initial Teaching Certificates shall be issued for
22 categories corresponding to Early Childhood, Elementary,
23 Secondary, and Special K-12, with special certification
24 designations for Special Education, Bilingual Education,
25 fundamental learning areas (including Language Arts, Reading,
26 Mathematics, Science, Social Science, Physical Development and

1 Health, Fine Arts, and Foreign Language), and other areas
2 designated by the State Board of Education, in consultation
3 with the State Teacher Certification Board. Notwithstanding
4 any other provision of this Article, an Initial Teaching
5 Certificate shall be automatically extended for one year for
6 all persons who (i) have been issued an Initial Teaching
7 Certificate that expires on June 30, 2004 and (ii) have not
8 met, prior to July 1, 2004, the Standard Certificate
9 requirements under paragraph (c) of this Section. An
10 application and fee shall not be required for this extension.

11 (b-5) A person who holds an out-of-state certificate and
12 who is otherwise eligible for a comparable Illinois certificate
13 may be issued an Initial Certificate if that person has not
14 completed 4 years of teaching. Upon completion of 4 years of
15 teaching, the person is eligible for a Standard Certificate.
16 Beginning July 1, 2004, an out-of-state candidate who has
17 already earned a second-tier certificate in another state is
18 not subject to any Standard Certificate eligibility
19 requirements stated in paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of this
20 Section other than completion of the 4 years of teaching. An
21 out-of-state candidate who has completed less than 4 years of
22 teaching and does not hold a second-tier certificate from
23 another state must meet the requirements stated in paragraph
24 (2) of subsection (c) of this Section, proportionately reduced
25 by the amount of time remaining to complete the 4 years of
26 teaching.

1 (c) Standard Certificate.

2 (1) Persons who (i) have completed 4 years of teaching, as
3 defined in Section 21-14 of this Code, with an Initial
4 Certificate or an Initial Alternative Teaching Certificate and
5 have met all other criteria established by the State Board of
6 Education in consultation with the State Teacher Certification
7 Board, (ii) have completed 4 years of teaching on a valid
8 equivalent certificate in another State or territory of the
9 United States, or have completed 4 years of teaching in a
10 nonpublic Illinois elementary or secondary school with an
11 Initial Certificate or an Initial Alternative Teaching
12 Certificate, and have met all other criteria established by the
13 State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
14 Teacher Certification Board, or (iii) were issued teaching
15 certificates prior to February 15, 2000 and are renewing those
16 certificates after February 15, 2000, shall be issued a
17 Standard Certificate valid for 5 years, which may be renewed
18 thereafter every 5 years by the State Teacher Certification
19 Board based on proof of continuing education or professional
20 development. Beginning July 1, 2003, persons who have completed
21 4 years of teaching, as described in clauses (i) and (ii) of
22 this paragraph (1), have successfully completed the
23 requirements of paragraphs (2) through (4) of this subsection
24 (c), and have met all other criteria established by the State
25 Board of Education, in consultation with the State Teacher
26 Certification Board, shall be issued Standard Certificates.

1 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section,
2 beginning July 1, 2004, persons who hold valid out-of-state
3 certificates and have completed 4 years of teaching on a valid
4 equivalent certificate in another State or territory of the
5 United States shall be issued comparable Standard
6 Certificates. Beginning July 1, 2004, persons who hold valid
7 out-of-state certificates as described in subsection (b-5) of
8 this Section are subject to the requirements of paragraphs (2)
9 through (4) of this subsection (c), as required in subsection
10 (b-5) of this Section, in order to receive a Standard
11 Certificate. Standard Certificates shall be issued for
12 categories corresponding to Early Childhood, Elementary,
13 Secondary, and Special K-12, with special certification
14 designations for Special Education, Bilingual Education,
15 fundamental learning areas (including Language Arts, Reading,
16 Mathematics, Science, Social Science, Physical Development and
17 Health, Fine Arts, and Foreign Language), and other areas
18 designated by the State Board of Education, in consultation
19 with the State Teacher Certification Board.

20 (2) This paragraph (2) applies only to those persons
21 required to successfully complete the requirements of this
22 paragraph under paragraph (1) of this subsection (c). In order
23 to receive a Standard Teaching Certificate, a person must
24 satisfy one of the following requirements:

25 (A) Completion of a program of induction and mentoring
26 for new teachers that is based upon a specific plan

1 approved by the State Board of Education, in consultation
2 with the State Teacher Certification Board. Nothing in this
3 Section, however, prohibits an induction or mentoring
4 program from operating prior to approval. Holders of
5 Initial Certificates issued before September 1, 2007 must
6 complete, at a minimum, an approved one-year induction and
7 mentoring program. Holders of Initial Certificates issued
8 on or after September 1, 2007 must complete an approved
9 2-year induction and mentoring program. The plan must
10 describe the role of mentor teachers, the criteria and
11 process for their selection, and how all the following
12 components are to be provided:

13 (i) Assignment of a formally trained mentor
14 teacher to each new teacher for a specified period of
15 time, which shall be established by the employing
16 school or school district, provided that a mentor
17 teacher may not directly or indirectly participate in
18 the evaluation of a new teacher pursuant to Article 24A
19 of this Code or the evaluation procedure of the school.

20 (ii) Formal mentoring for each new teacher.

21 (iii) Support for each new teacher in relation to
22 the Illinois Professional Teaching Standards, the
23 content-area standards applicable to the new teacher's
24 area of certification, and any applicable local school
25 improvement and professional development plans.

26 (iv) Professional development specifically

1 designed to foster the growth of each new teacher's
2 knowledge and skills.

3 (v) Formative assessment that is based on the
4 Illinois Professional Teaching Standards and designed
5 to provide feedback to the new teacher and
6 opportunities for reflection on his or her
7 performance, which must not be used directly or
8 indirectly in any evaluation of a new teacher pursuant
9 to Article 24A of this Code or the evaluation procedure
10 of the school and which must include the activities
11 specified in clauses (B)(i), (B)(ii), and (B)(iii) of
12 this paragraph (2).

13 (vi) Assignment of responsibility for coordination
14 of the induction and mentoring program within each
15 school district participating in the program.

16 (B) Successful completion of 4 semester hours of
17 graduate-level coursework on the assessment of one's own
18 performance in relation to the Illinois Professional
19 Teaching Standards. The coursework must be approved by the
20 State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
21 Teacher Certification Board; must be offered either by an
22 institution of higher education, by such an institution in
23 partnership with a teachers' association or union or with a
24 regional office of education, or by another entity
25 authorized to issue college credit; and must include
26 demonstration of performance through all of the following

1 activities for each of the Illinois Professional Teaching
2 Standards:

3 (i) Observation, by the course instructor or
4 another experienced teacher, of the new teacher's
5 classroom practice (the observation may be recorded
6 for later viewing) for the purpose of identifying and
7 describing how the new teacher made content meaningful
8 for students; how the teacher motivated individuals
9 and the group and created an environment conducive to
10 positive social interactions, active learning, and
11 self-motivation; what instructional strategies the
12 teacher used to encourage students' development of
13 critical thinking, problem solving, and performance;
14 how the teacher communicated using written, verbal,
15 nonverbal, and visual communication techniques; and
16 how the teacher maintained standards of professional
17 conduct and provided leadership to improve students'
18 learning.

19 (ii) Review and analysis, by the course instructor
20 or another experienced teacher, of written
21 documentation (i.e., lesson plans, assignments,
22 assessment instruments, and samples of students' work)
23 prepared by the new teacher for at least 2 lessons. The
24 documentation must provide evidence of classroom
25 performance related to Illinois Professional Teaching
26 Standards 1 through 9, with an emphasis on how the

1 teacher used his or her understanding of students,
2 assessment data, and subject matter to decide on
3 learning goals; how the teacher designed or selected
4 activities and instructional materials and aligned
5 instruction to the relevant Illinois Learning
6 Standards; how the teacher adapted or modified
7 curriculum to meet individual students' needs; and how
8 the teacher sequenced instruction and designed or
9 selected student assessment strategies.

10 (iii) Demonstration of professional expertise on
11 the part of the new teacher in reflecting on his or her
12 practice, which was observed under clause (B)(i) of
13 this paragraph (2) and documented under clause (B)(ii)
14 of this paragraph (2), in terms of teaching strengths,
15 weaknesses, and implications for improvement according
16 to the Illinois Professional Teaching Standards.

17 (C) Successful completion of a minimum of 4 semester
18 hours of graduate-level coursework addressing preparation
19 to meet the requirements for certification by the National
20 Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). The
21 coursework must be approved by the State Board of
22 Education, in consultation with the State Teacher
23 Certification Board, and must be offered either by an
24 institution of higher education, by such an institution in
25 partnership with a teachers' association or union or with a
26 regional office of education, or by another entity

1 authorized to issue college credit. The course must address
2 the 5 NBPTS Core Propositions and relevant standards
3 through such means as the following:

4 (i) Observation, by the course instructor or
5 another experienced teacher, of the new teacher's
6 classroom practice (the observation may be recorded
7 for later viewing) for the purpose of identifying and
8 describing how the new teacher made content meaningful
9 for students; how the teacher motivated individuals
10 and the group and created an environment conducive to
11 positive social interactions, active learning, and
12 self-motivation; what instructional strategies the
13 teacher used to encourage students' development of
14 critical thinking, problem solving, and performance;
15 how the teacher communicated using written, verbal,
16 nonverbal, and visual communication techniques; and
17 how the teacher maintained standards of professional
18 conduct and provided leadership to improve students'
19 learning.

20 (ii) Review and analysis, by the course instructor
21 or another experienced teacher, of written
22 documentation (i.e., lesson plans, assignments,
23 assessment instruments, and samples of students' work)
24 prepared by the new teacher for at least 2 lessons. The
25 documentation must provide evidence of classroom
26 performance, including how the teacher used his or her

1 understanding of students, assessment data, and
2 subject matter to decide on learning goals; how the
3 teacher designed or selected activities and
4 instructional materials and aligned instruction to the
5 relevant Illinois Learning Standards; how the teacher
6 adapted or modified curriculum to meet individual
7 students' needs; and how the teacher sequenced
8 instruction and designed or selected student
9 assessment strategies.

10 (iii) Demonstration of professional expertise on
11 the part of the new teacher in reflecting on his or her
12 practice, which was observed under clause (C)(i) of
13 this paragraph (2) and documented under clause (C)(ii)
14 of this paragraph (2), in terms of teaching strengths,
15 weaknesses, and implications for improvement.

16 (C-5) Satisfactory completion of a minimum of 12
17 semester hours of graduate credit towards an advanced
18 degree in an education-related field from an accredited
19 institution of higher education.

20 (D) Receipt of an advanced degree from an accredited
21 institution of higher education in an education-related
22 field that is earned by a person either while he or she
23 holds an Initial Teaching Certificate or prior to his or
24 her receipt of that certificate.

25 (E) Accumulation of 60 continuing professional
26 development units (CPDUs), earned by completing selected

1 activities that comply with paragraphs (3) and (4) of this
2 subsection (c). However, for an individual who holds an
3 Initial Teaching Certificate on the effective date of this
4 amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly, the number of
5 CPDUs shall be reduced to reflect the teaching time
6 remaining on the Initial Teaching Certificate.

7 (F) Completion of a nationally normed,
8 performance-based assessment, if made available by the
9 State Board of Education in consultation with the State
10 Teacher Certification Board, provided that the cost to the
11 person shall not exceed the cost of the coursework
12 described in clause (B) of this paragraph (2).

13 (G) Completion of requirements for meeting the
14 Illinois criteria for becoming "highly qualified" (for
15 purposes of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Public
16 Law 107-110) in an additional teaching area.

17 (H) Receipt of a minimum 12-hour, post-baccalaureate,
18 education-related professional development certificate
19 issued by an Illinois institution of higher education and
20 developed in accordance with rules adopted by the State
21 Board of Education in consultation with the State Teacher
22 Certification Board.

23 (I) Completion of the National Board for Professional
24 Teaching Standards (NBPTS) process.

25 (J) Receipt of a subsequent Illinois certificate or
26 endorsement pursuant to Article 21 of this Code.

1 (3) This paragraph (3) applies only to those persons
2 required to successfully complete the requirements of this
3 paragraph under paragraph (1) of this subsection (c). Persons
4 who seek to satisfy the requirements of clause (E) of paragraph
5 (2) of this subsection (c) through accumulation of CPDUs may
6 earn credit through completion of coursework, workshops,
7 seminars, conferences, and other similar training events that
8 are pre-approved by the State Board of Education, in
9 consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board, for
10 the purpose of reflection on teaching practices in order to
11 address all of the Illinois Professional Teaching Standards
12 necessary to obtain a Standard Teaching Certificate. These
13 activities must meet all of the following requirements:

14 (A) Each activity must be designed to advance a
15 person's knowledge and skills in relation to one or more of
16 the Illinois Professional Teaching Standards or in
17 relation to the content-area standards applicable to the
18 teacher's field of certification.

19 (B) Taken together, the activities completed must
20 address each of the Illinois Professional Teaching
21 Standards as provided in clauses (B)(i), (B)(ii), and
22 (B)(iii) of paragraph (2) of this subsection (c).

23 (C) Each activity must be provided by an entity
24 approved by the State Board of Education, in consultation
25 with the State Teacher Certification Board, for this
26 purpose.

1 (D) Each activity, integral to its successful
2 completion, must require participants to demonstrate the
3 degree to which they have acquired new knowledge or skills,
4 such as through performance, through preparation of a
5 written product, through assembling samples of students'
6 or teachers' work, or by some other means that is
7 appropriate to the subject matter of the activity.

8 (E) One CPDU shall be available for each hour of direct
9 participation by a holder of an Initial Teaching
10 Certificate in a qualifying activity. An activity may be
11 attributed to more than one of the Illinois Professional
12 Teaching Standards, but credit for any activity shall be
13 counted only once.

14 (4) This paragraph (4) applies only to those persons
15 required to successfully complete the requirements of this
16 paragraph under paragraph (1) of this subsection (c). Persons
17 who seek to satisfy the requirements of clause (E) of paragraph
18 (2) of this subsection (c) through accumulation of CPDUs may
19 earn credit from the following, provided that each activity is
20 designed to advance a person's knowledge and skills in relation
21 to one or more of the Illinois Professional Teaching Standards
22 or in relation to the content-area standards applicable to the
23 person's field or fields of certification:

24 (A) Collaboration and partnership activities related
25 to improving a person's knowledge and skills as a teacher,
26 including all of the following:

1 (i) Peer review and coaching.

2 (ii) Mentoring in a formal mentoring program,
3 including service as a consulting teacher
4 participating in a remediation process formulated
5 under Section 24A-5 of this Code.

6 (iii) Facilitating parent education programs
7 directly related to student achievement for a school,
8 school district, or regional office of education.

9 (iv) Participating in business, school, or
10 community partnerships directly related to student
11 achievement.

12 (B) Teaching college or university courses in areas
13 relevant to a teacher's field of certification, provided
14 that the teaching may only be counted once during the
15 course of 4 years.

16 (C) Conferences, workshops, institutes, seminars, and
17 symposiums related to improving a person's knowledge and
18 skills as a teacher, including all of the following:

19 (i) Completing non-university credit directly
20 related to student achievement, the Illinois
21 Professional Teaching Standards, or content-area
22 standards.

23 (ii) Participating in or presenting at workshops,
24 seminars, conferences, institutes, and symposiums.

25 (iii) (Blank).

26 (iv) Training as reviewers of university teacher

1 preparation programs.

2 An activity listed in this clause (C) is creditable
3 only if its provider is approved for this purpose by the
4 State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
5 Teacher Certification Board.

6 (D) Other educational experiences related to improving
7 a person's knowledge and skills as a teacher, including all
8 of the following:

9 (i) Participating in action research and inquiry
10 projects.

11 (ii) Observing programs or teaching in schools,
12 related businesses, or industry that is systematic,
13 purposeful, and relevant to a teacher's field of
14 certification.

15 (iii) Participating in study groups related to
16 student achievement, the Illinois Professional
17 Teaching Standards, or content-area standards.

18 (iv) Participating in work/learn programs or
19 internships.

20 (v) Developing a portfolio of students' and
21 teacher's work.

22 (E) Professional leadership experiences related to
23 improving a person's knowledge and skills as a teacher,
24 including all of the following:

25 (i) Participating in curriculum development or
26 assessment activities at the school, school district,

1 regional office of education, State, or national level.

2 (ii) Participating in team or department
3 leadership in a school or school district.

4 (iii) (Blank).

5 (iv) Publishing educational articles, columns, or
6 books relevant to a teacher's field of certification.

7 (v) Participating in non-strike related activities
8 of a professional association or labor organization
9 that are related to professional development.

10 (5) A person must complete the requirements of this
11 subsection (c) before the expiration of his or her Initial
12 Teaching Certificate and must submit assurance of having done
13 so to the regional superintendent of schools or a local
14 professional development committee authorized by the regional
15 superintendent to submit recommendations to him or her for this
16 purpose.

17 Within 30 days after receipt, the regional superintendent
18 of schools shall review the assurance of completion submitted
19 by a person and, based upon compliance with all of the
20 requirements for receipt of a Standard Teaching Certificate,
21 shall forward to the State Board of Education a recommendation
22 for issuance of the Standard Certificate or non-issuance. The
23 regional superintendent of schools shall notify the affected
24 person if the recommendation is for non-issuance of the
25 Standard Certificate. A person who is considered not to be
26 eligible for a Standard Certificate and who has received the

1 notice of non-issuance may appeal this determination to the
2 Regional Professional Development Review Committee (RPDRC).
3 The recommendation of the regional superintendent and the
4 RPDRC, along with all supporting materials, must then be
5 forwarded to the State Board of Education for a final
6 determination.

7 Upon review of a regional superintendent of school's
8 recommendations, the State Board of Education shall issue
9 Standard Teaching Certificates to those who qualify and shall
10 notify a person, in writing, of a decision denying a Standard
11 Teaching Certificate. Any decision denying issuance of a
12 Standard Teaching Certificate to a person may be appealed to
13 the State Teacher Certification Board.

14 (6) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
15 State Teacher Certification Board, may adopt rules to implement
16 this subsection (c) and may periodically evaluate any of the
17 methods of qualifying for a Standard Teaching Certificate
18 described in this subsection (c).

19 (7) The changes made to paragraphs (1) through (5) of this
20 subsection (c) by this amendatory Act of the 93rd General
21 Assembly shall apply to those persons who hold or are eligible
22 to hold an Initial Certificate on or after the effective date
23 of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly and shall
24 be given effect upon their application for a Standard
25 Certificate.

26 (8) Beginning July 1, 2004, persons who hold a Standard

1 Certificate and have acquired one master's degree in an
2 education-related field are eligible for certificate renewal
3 upon completion of two-thirds of the continuing professional
4 development units specified in subdivision (E) of paragraph (3)
5 of subsection (e) of Section 21-14 of this Code. Persons who
6 hold a Standard Certificate and have acquired a second master's
7 degree, an education specialist, or a doctorate in an
8 education-related field or hold a Master Certificate are
9 eligible for certificate renewal upon completion of one-third
10 of the continuing professional development units specified in
11 subdivision (E) of paragraph (3) of subsection (e) of Section
12 21-14 of this Code.

13 (d) Master Certificate. Persons who have successfully
14 achieved National Board certification through the National
15 Board for Professional Teaching Standards shall be issued a
16 Master Certificate, valid for 10 years and renewable thereafter
17 every 10 years through compliance with requirements set forth
18 by the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
19 Teacher Certification Board. Beginning on July 1, 2012,
20 individuals holding a Master's Certificate in specific areas
21 may work only in an area in which they have a comparable
22 Illinois endorsement or only if the individual has an Illinois
23 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards endorsement
24 issued prior to June 30, 2012. ~~However, each teacher who holds~~
25 ~~a Master Certificate shall be eligible for a teaching position~~
26 ~~in this State in the areas for which he or she holds a Master~~

1 ~~Certificate without satisfying any other requirements of this~~
2 ~~Code, except for those requirements pertaining to criminal~~
3 ~~background checks.~~ A holder of a Master Certificate in an area
4 of science or social science is eligible to teach in any of the
5 subject areas within those fields, including those taught at
6 the advanced level, as defined by the State Board of Education
7 in consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board. A
8 teacher who holds a Master Certificate shall be deemed to meet
9 State certification renewal requirements in the area or areas
10 for which he or she holds a Master Certificate for the 10-year
11 term of the teacher's Master Certificate.

12 (e) This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

13 (Source: P.A. 95-793, eff. 1-1-09.)

14 (105 ILCS 5/21-2.1) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-2.1)

15 Sec. 21-2.1. Early childhood certificate.

16 (a) An early childhood certificate shall be valid for 4
17 years for teaching children up to 6 years of age, exclusive of
18 children enrolled in kindergarten, in facilities approved by
19 the State Superintendent of Education. Beginning July 1, 1988,
20 such certificate shall be valid for 4 years for Teaching
21 children through grade 3 in facilities approved by the State
22 Superintendent of Education. Subject to the provisions of
23 Section 21-1a, it shall be issued to persons who have graduated
24 from a recognized institution of higher learning with a
25 bachelor's degree and with not fewer than 120 semester hours

1 including professional education or human development or,
2 until July 1, 1992, to persons who have early childhood
3 education instruction and practical experience involving
4 supervised work with children under 6 years of age or with
5 children through grade 3. Such persons shall be recommended for
6 the early childhood certificate by a recognized institution as
7 having completed an approved program of preparation which
8 includes the requisite hours and academic and professional
9 courses and practical experience approved by the State
10 Superintendent of Education in consultation with the State
11 Teacher Certification Board. The student teaching portion of
12 such practical experience may be satisfied through placement in
13 any of grades pre-kindergarten (which consists of children from
14 3 years through 5 years of age) through 3, provided that the
15 student is under the active supervision of a cooperating
16 teacher who is certified and qualified (i) in early childhood
17 education or (ii) in self-contained, general elementary
18 education. Candidates for the early childhood certificate
19 (including paraprofessionals) with at least one year of
20 experience in a school or community-based early childhood
21 setting who are enrolled in early-childhood teacher
22 preparation programs may be paid and receive credit while
23 student teaching with their current employer, provided that
24 their student teaching experience meets the requirements of
25 their early-childhood teacher preparation program.

26 (b) Beginning February 15, 2000, Initial and Standard Early

1 Childhood Education Certificates shall be issued to persons who
2 meet the criteria established by the State Board of Education.

3 (c) This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

4 (Source: P.A. 94-1034, eff. 1-1-07; 94-1110, eff. 2-23-07.)

5 (105 ILCS 5/21-2a) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-2a)

6 Sec. 21-2a. Required instruction for all teachers. ~~After~~
7 ~~September 1, 1981 and until January 1, 1999, in addition to all~~
8 ~~other requirements, the successful completion of course work~~
9 ~~which includes instruction on the psychology of the exceptional~~
10 ~~child, the identification of the exceptional child, including,~~
11 ~~but not limited to the learning disabled and methods of~~
12 ~~instruction for the exceptional child, including, but not~~
13 ~~limited to the learning disabled shall be a prerequisite to a~~
14 ~~person receiving any of the following certificates: early~~
15 ~~childhood, elementary, special and high school.~~ After January
16 1, 1999, the State Board of Education shall ensure that the
17 curriculum for all approved teacher preparation programs
18 includes, and that all prospective teachers pursuing Early
19 Childhood, Elementary, Secondary, or Special certificates
20 receive, instruction on the psychology of, the identification
21 of, and the methods of instruction for the exceptional child,
22 including without limitation the learning disabled. This
23 instruction on exceptional children may be provided in one
24 concentrated course or may be integrated among other courses
25 within the teacher preparation program as shall be determined

1 by the State Board of Education.

2 This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

3 (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98; 90-653, eff. 7-29-98;
4 91-102, eff. 7-12-99.)

5 (105 ILCS 5/21-3) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-3)

6 Sec. 21-3. Elementary certificate.

7 (a) An elementary school certificate shall be valid for 4
8 years for teaching in the kindergarten and lower 9 grades of
9 the common schools. Subject to the provisions of Section 21-1a,
10 it shall be issued to persons who have graduated from a
11 recognized institution of higher learning with a bachelor's
12 degree and with not fewer than 120 semester hours and with a
13 minimum of 16 semester hours in professional education,
14 including 5 semester hours in student teaching under competent
15 and close supervision. Such persons shall be recommended for
16 the elementary certificate by a recognized institution as
17 having completed an approved program of preparation which
18 includes intensive preservice training in the humanities,
19 natural sciences, mathematics and the academic and
20 professional courses approved by the State Superintendent of
21 Education in consultation with the State Teacher Certification
22 Board.

23 (b) Beginning February 15, 2000, Initial and Standard
24 Elementary Certificates shall be issued to persons who meet all
25 of the criteria established by the State Board of Education for

1 elementary education.

2 (c) This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

3 (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98; 90-811, eff. 1-26-99;
4 91-102, eff. 7-12-99.)

5 (105 ILCS 5/21-4) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-4)

6 Sec. 21-4. Special certificate.

7 (a) A special certificate shall be valid for 4 years for
8 teaching the special subjects named therein in all grades of
9 the common schools. Subject to the provisions of Section 21-1a,
10 it shall be issued to persons who have graduated from a
11 recognized institution of higher learning with a bachelor's
12 degree and with not fewer than 120 semester hours including a
13 minimum of 16 semester hours in professional education, 5 of
14 which shall be in student teaching under competent and close
15 supervision. When the holder of such certificate has earned a
16 master's degree, including eight semester hours of graduate
17 professional education from a recognized institution of higher
18 learning and with two years' teaching experience, it may be
19 endorsed for supervision.

20 Such persons shall be recommended for the special
21 certificate by a recognized institution as having completed an
22 approved program of preparation which includes academic and
23 professional courses approved by the State Superintendent of
24 Education in consultation with the State Teacher Certification
25 Board.

1 (b) Those persons holding special certificates on February
2 15, 2000 shall be eligible for one of the following:

3 (1) The issuance of Standard Elementary and Standard
4 Secondary Certificates with appropriate special
5 certification designations as determined by the State
6 Board of Education, in consultation with the State Teacher
7 Certification Board, and consistent with rules adopted by
8 the State Board of Education. These certificates shall be
9 renewed as provided in subsection (c) of Section 21-2.

10 (2) The issuance of Standard Special K-12 Certificates
11 with appropriate special certification designations, which
12 shall be renewed as provided in subsection (c) of Section
13 21-2. These certificates shall not be eligible for
14 additional certification designations except as approved
15 by the State Board of Education, in consultation with the
16 State Teacher Certification Board.

17 (c) Those persons eligible to receive K-12 certification
18 after February 15, 2000 shall be issued Initial Elementary and
19 Initial Secondary Certificates with appropriate special
20 certification designations pursuant to this Section or Initial
21 Special K-12 Certificates with appropriate special
22 certification designations pursuant to this Section. These
23 Initial K-12 Special Certificates shall not be eligible for
24 additional certification designations except as approved by
25 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
26 Teacher Certification Board.

1 (d) All persons holding a special certificate with a
2 special education endorsement are exempt from the provisions of
3 Section 2-3.71 of this Code, provided they meet all the other
4 requirements for teaching as established by the State Board of
5 Education, in consultation with the State Teacher
6 Certification Board.

7 Beginning February 15, 2000, all persons exchanging a
8 special certificate pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section
9 with a special education endorsement or receiving a special
10 education designation on either a special certificate or an
11 elementary certificate issued pursuant to subsection (c) of
12 this Section are exempt from the provisions of Section 2-3.71
13 of this Code, provided they meet all the other requirements for
14 teaching as established by the State Board of Education, in
15 consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board.

16 Certificates exchanged or issued pursuant to this
17 subsection (d) shall be valid for teaching children with
18 disabilities, as defined in Section 14-1.02 of this Code, and
19 these special certificates shall be called Initial or Standard
20 Special Preschool - Age 21 Certificates. Nothing in this
21 subsection (d) shall be construed to adversely affect the
22 rights of any person presently certificated, any person whose
23 certification is currently pending, or any person who is
24 currently enrolled or enrolls prior to February 15, 2000 in an
25 approved Special K-12 certification program.

26 (e) This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

1 (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98; 90-653, eff. 7-29-98;
2 90-811, eff. 1-26-99; 91-102, eff. 7-12-99; 91-765, eff.
3 6-9-00.)

4 (105 ILCS 5/21-5) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-5)
5 Sec. 21-5. High school certificate.

6 (a) A high school certificate shall be valid for 4 years
7 for teaching in grades 6 to 12 inclusive of the common schools.
8 Subject to the provisions of Section 21-1a, it shall be issued
9 to persons who have graduated from a recognized institution of
10 higher learning with a bachelor's degree and with not fewer
11 than 120 semester hours including 16 semester hours in
12 professional education, 5 of which shall be in student teaching
13 under competent and close supervision and with one or more
14 teaching fields. Such persons shall be recommended for the high
15 school certificate by a recognized institution as having
16 completed an approved program of preparation which includes the
17 academic and professional courses approved by the State
18 Superintendent of Education in consultation with the State
19 Teacher Certification Board.

20 (b) Beginning February 15, 2000, Initial and Standard
21 Secondary Certificates shall be issued to persons who meet all
22 of the criteria established by the State Board of Education for
23 secondary education.

24 (c) This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

25 (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98; 90-811, eff. 1-26-99;

1 91-102, eff. 7-12-99.)

2 (105 ILCS 5/21-5b)

3 Sec. 21-5b. Alternative certification. The State Board of
4 Education, in consultation with the State Teacher
5 Certification Board, shall establish and implement an
6 alternative certification program under which persons who meet
7 the requirements of and successfully complete the program
8 established by this Section shall be issued an alternative
9 teaching certificate for teaching in the schools. The program
10 shall be limited to not more than 260 new participants during
11 each year that the program is in effect. The State Board of
12 Education, in cooperation with one or more not-for-profit
13 organizations in the State that support excellence in teaching,
14 which may be in partnership with a university that offers
15 4-year baccalaureate and masters degree programs and that is a
16 recognized institution as defined in Section 21B-105 of this
17 Code ~~21-21~~, may within 30 days after submission by the program
18 sponsor approve a course of study developed by the program
19 sponsor that persons in the program must successfully complete
20 in order to satisfy one criterion for issuance of an
21 alternative certificate under this Section. The Alternative
22 Teacher Certification program course of study must include
23 content and skills which have been approved by the State Board
24 of Education, in consultation with the State Teacher
25 Certification Board, as meeting the requirement for State

1 teacher certification.

2 The alternative certification program established under
3 this Section shall be known as the Alternative Teacher
4 Certification program. The Alternative Teacher Certification
5 Program shall be offered by the submitting partnership, and
6 such partnership may be offered by one or more not-for-profit
7 organizations in the State which support excellence in
8 teaching. The program shall be comprised of the following 3
9 phases: (a) the first phase is the course of study offered on
10 an intensive basis in education theory, instructional methods,
11 and practice teaching; (b) the second phase is the person's
12 assignment to a full-time teaching position for one school
13 year; and (c) the third phase is a comprehensive assessment of
14 the person's teaching performance by school officials and the
15 partnership participants and a recommendation by the program
16 sponsor to the State Board of Education that the person be
17 issued a standard alternative teaching certificate. Successful
18 completion of the Alternative Teacher Certification program
19 shall be deemed to satisfy any other practice or student
20 teaching and subject matter requirements established by law.

21 A provisional alternative teaching certificate, valid for
22 one year of teaching in the common schools and not renewable,
23 shall be issued under this Section 21-5b to persons who at the
24 time of applying for the provisional alternative teaching
25 certificate under this Section:

26 (1) have graduated from an accredited college or

1 university with a bachelor's degree;

2 (2) have successfully completed the first phase of the
3 Alternative Teacher Certification program as provided in
4 this Section;

5 (3) have passed the tests of basic skills and subject
6 matter knowledge required by Section 21-1a; and

7 (4) (i) have been employed for a period of at least 5
8 years in an area requiring application of the individual's
9 education or (ii) have attained at least a cumulative grade
10 average of a "B" if the individual is assigned either to a
11 school district that has not met the annual measurable
12 objective for highly qualified teachers required by the
13 Illinois Revised Highly Qualified Teachers (HQT) Plan or to
14 a school district whose data filed with the State Board of
15 Education indicates that the district's poor and minority
16 students are taught by teachers who are not highly
17 qualified at a higher rate than other students; however,
18 this item (4) does not apply with respect to a provisional
19 alternative teaching certificate for teaching in schools
20 situated in a school district that is located in a city
21 having a population in excess of 500,000 inhabitants.
22 Assignment may be made under clause (ii) of this item (4)
23 only if the district superintendent and the exclusive
24 bargaining representative of the district's teachers, if
25 any, jointly agree to permit the assignment.

26 A person possessing a provisional alternative certificate

1 under this Section shall be treated as a regularly certified
2 teacher for purposes of compensation, benefits, and other terms
3 and conditions of employment afforded teachers in the school
4 who are members of a bargaining unit represented by an
5 exclusive bargaining representative, if any.

6 Until February 15, 2000, a standard alternative teaching
7 certificate, valid for 4 years for teaching in the schools and
8 renewable as provided in Section 21-14, shall be issued under
9 this Section 21-5b to persons who first complete the
10 requirements for the provisional alternative teaching
11 certificate and who at the time of applying for a standard
12 alternative teaching certificate under this Section have
13 successfully completed the second and third phases of the
14 Alternative Teacher Certification program as provided in this
15 Section. Alternatively, beginning February 15, 2000, at the end
16 of the 4-year validity period, persons who were issued a
17 standard alternative teaching certificate shall be eligible,
18 on the same basis as holders of an Initial Teaching Certificate
19 issued under subsection (b) of Section 21-2 of this Code, to
20 apply for a Standard Teaching Certificate, provided they meet
21 the requirements of subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of this Code
22 and further provided that a person who does not apply for and
23 receive a Standard Teaching Certificate shall be able to teach
24 only in schools situated in a school district that is located
25 in a city having a population in excess of 500,000 inhabitants.

26 Beginning February 15, 2000, persons who have completed the

1 requirements for a standard alternative teaching certificate
2 under this Section shall be issued an Initial Alternative
3 Teaching Certificate valid for 4 years of teaching and not
4 renewable. At the end of the 4-year validity period, these
5 persons shall be eligible, on the same basis as holders of an
6 Initial Teaching Certificate issued under subsection (b) of
7 Section 21-2 of this Code, to apply for a Standard Teaching
8 Certificate, provided they meet the requirements of subsection
9 (c) of Section 21-2.

10 Such alternative certification program shall be
11 implemented so that the first provisional alternative teaching
12 certificates issued under this Section are effective upon the
13 commencement of the 1997-1998 academic year and the first
14 standard alternative teaching certificates issued under this
15 Section are effective upon the commencement of the 1998-1999
16 academic year.

17 The State Board of Education, in cooperation with the
18 partnership or partnerships establishing such Alternative
19 Teacher Certification programs, shall adopt rules and
20 regulations that are consistent with this Section and that the
21 State Board of Education deems necessary to establish and
22 implement the program.

23 No one may be admitted to an alternative certification
24 program under this Section after September 1, 2012, and those
25 candidates who are admitted on or before September 1, 2012 must
26 complete the program before September 1, 2013.

1 This Section is repealed on September 1, 2013.

2 (Source: P.A. 95-270, eff. 8-17-07; 96-862, eff. 1-15-10.)

3 (105 ILCS 5/21-5c)

4 Sec. 21-5c. Alternative route to teacher certification.
5 The State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
6 Teacher Certification Board, shall establish and implement one
7 or more alternative route to teacher certification programs
8 under which persons who meet the requirements of and
9 successfully complete the programs established by this Section
10 shall be issued an initial teaching certificate for teaching in
11 schools in this State. The State Board of Education may approve
12 a course of study that persons in such programs must
13 successfully complete in order to satisfy one criterion for
14 issuance of a certificate under this Section. The Alternative
15 Route to Teacher Certification programs course of study must
16 include content and skills which have been approved by the
17 State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
18 Teacher Certification Board, as meeting the requirement for
19 State teacher certification.

20 Programs established under this Section shall be known as
21 Alternative Route to Teacher Certification programs. The
22 programs may be offered by a university that offers 4-year
23 baccalaureate and masters degree programs and that is a
24 recognized institution as defined in Section 21B-105 of this
25 Code ~~21-21~~, by one or more not-for-profit organizations in the

1 State, or a combination thereof. The programs shall be
2 comprised of the following 3 phases: (a) a course of study
3 offered on an intensive basis in education theory,
4 instructional methods, and practice teaching; (b) the person's
5 assignment to a full-time teaching position for one school
6 year, including the designation of a mentor teacher to advise
7 and assist the person with that teaching assignment; and (c) a
8 comprehensive assessment of the person's teaching performance
9 by school officials and program participants and a
10 recommendation by the program sponsor to the State Board of
11 Education that the person be issued an initial teaching
12 certificate. Successful completion of Alternative Route to
13 Teacher Certification programs shall be deemed to satisfy any
14 other practice or student teaching and subject matter
15 requirements established by law.

16 A provisional alternative teaching certificate, valid for
17 one year of teaching in the common schools and not renewable,
18 shall be issued under this Section 21-5c to persons who at the
19 time of applying for the provisional alternative teaching
20 certificate under this Section:

21 (1) have graduated from an accredited college or
22 university with a bachelor's degree;

23 (2) have been employed for a period of at least 5 years
24 in an area requiring application of the individual's
25 education;

26 (3) have successfully completed the first phase of the

1 Alternative Teacher Certification program as provided in
2 this Section; and

3 (4) have passed the tests of basic skills and subject
4 matter knowledge required by Section 21-1a.

5 An initial teaching certificate, valid for teaching in the
6 common schools, shall be issued under Section 21-3 or 21-5 to
7 persons who first complete the requirements for the provisional
8 alternative teaching certificate and who at the time of
9 applying for an initial teaching certificate have successfully
10 completed the second and third phases of the Alternative Route
11 to Teacher Certification program as provided in this Section.

12 A person possessing a provisional alternative certificate
13 or an initial teaching certificate earned under this Section
14 shall be treated as a regularly certified teacher for purposes
15 of compensation, benefits, and other terms and conditions of
16 employment afforded teachers in the school who are members of a
17 bargaining unit represented by an exclusive bargaining
18 representative, if any.

19 The State Board of Education may adopt rules and
20 regulations that are consistent with this Section and that the
21 State Board deems necessary to establish and implement the
22 program.

23 No one may be admitted to an alternative certification
24 program under this Section after September 1, 2012, and those
25 candidates who are admitted on or before September 1, 2012 must
26 complete the program before September 1, 2013.

1 This Section is repealed on September 1, 2013.

2 (Source: P.A. 96-862, eff. 1-15-10.)

3 (105 ILCS 5/21-5d)

4 Sec. 21-5d. Alternative route to administrative
5 certification. The State Board of Education, in consultation
6 with the State Teacher Certification Board and an advisory
7 panel consisting of no less than 7 administrators appointed by
8 the State Superintendent of Education, shall establish and
9 implement one or more alternative route to administrative
10 certification program under which persons who meet the
11 requirements of and successfully complete the program
12 established by this Section shall be issued a standard
13 administrative certificate for serving as an administrator in
14 schools in this State. For the purposes of this Section only,
15 "administrator" means a person holding any administrative
16 position for which a standard administrative certificate with a
17 general administrative endorsement, chief school business
18 official endorsement, or superintendent endorsement is
19 required, except a principal or an assistant principal. The
20 State Board of Education may approve a course of study that
21 persons in the program must successfully complete in order to
22 satisfy one criterion for issuance of a certificate under this
23 Section. The Alternative Route to Administrative Certification
24 program course of study must include content and skills which
25 have been approved by the State Board of Education, in

1 consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board, as
2 meeting the requirement for administrative certification.

3 Programs established under this Section shall be known as
4 the Alternative Route to Administrative Certification
5 programs. The programs shall be comprised of the following 3
6 phases: (a) a course of study offered on an intensive basis in
7 education management, governance, organization, and planning;
8 (b) the person's assignment to a full-time position for one
9 school year as an administrator; and (c) a comprehensive
10 assessment of the person's performance by school officials and
11 a recommendation to the State Board of Education that the
12 person be issued a standard administrative certificate.
13 Successful completion of an Alternative Route to
14 Administrative Certification program shall be deemed to
15 satisfy any other supervisory, administrative, or management
16 experience requirements established by law.

17 A provisional alternative administrative certificate,
18 valid for one year of serving as an administrator in the common
19 schools and not renewable, shall be issued under this Section
20 21-5d to persons who at the time of applying for the
21 provisional alternative administrative certificate under this
22 Section:

23 (1) have graduated from an accredited college or
24 university with a master's degree in a management field or
25 with a bachelor's degree and the life experience equivalent
26 of a master's degree in a management field as determined by

1 the State Board of Education;

2 (2) have been employed for a period of at least 5 years
3 in a management level position;

4 (3) have successfully completed the first phase of the
5 Alternative Route to Administrative Certification program
6 as provided in this Section; and

7 (4) have passed any examination required by the State
8 Board of Education.

9 A standard administrative certificate with a general
10 administrative endorsement, chief school business official
11 endorsement, or superintendent endorsement, renewable as
12 provided in Section 21-14, shall be issued under Section 21-7.1
13 to persons who first complete the requirements for the
14 provisional alternative administrative certificate and who at
15 the time of applying for a standard administrative certificate
16 have successfully completed the second and third phases of an
17 Alternative Route to Administrative Certification program as
18 provided in this Section.

19 The State Board of Education may adopt rules and
20 regulations that are consistent with this Section and that the
21 State Board deems necessary to establish and implement those
22 programs.

23 No one may be admitted to an alternative certification
24 program under this Section after September 1, 2012, and those
25 candidates must complete the program before September 1, 2013.

26 This Section is repealed on September 1, 2013.

1 (Source: P.A. 96-862, eff. 1-15-10.)

2 (105 ILCS 5/21-7.1) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-7.1)

3 Sec. 21-7.1. Administrative certificate.

4 (a) After July 1, 1999, an administrative certificate valid
5 for 5 years of supervising and administering in the public
6 common schools (unless changed under subsection (a-5) of this
7 Section) may be issued to persons who have graduated from a
8 regionally accredited institution of higher learning with a
9 master's degree or its equivalent and who have been recommended
10 by a recognized institution of higher learning, a
11 not-for-profit entity, or a combination thereof, as having
12 completed a program of preparation for one or more of these
13 endorsements. Such programs of academic and professional
14 preparation required for endorsement shall be administered by
15 an institution or not-for-profit entity approved to offer such
16 programs by the State Board of Education, in consultation with
17 the State Teacher Certification Board, and shall be operated in
18 accordance with this Article and the standards set forth by the
19 State Superintendent of Education in consultation with the
20 State Teacher Certification Board. Any program offered in whole
21 or in part by a not-for-profit entity must also be approved by
22 the Board of Higher Education.

23 (a-5) Beginning July 1, 2003, if an administrative
24 certificate holder holds a Standard Teaching Certificate, the
25 validity period of the administrative certificate shall be

1 changed, if necessary, so that the validity period of the
2 administrative certificate coincides with the validity period
3 of the Standard Teaching Certificate. Beginning July 1, 2003,
4 if an administrative certificate holder holds a Master Teaching
5 Certificate, the validity period of the administrative
6 certificate shall be changed so that the validity period of the
7 administrative certificate coincides with the validity period
8 of the Master Teaching Certificate.

9 (b) No administrative certificate shall be issued for the
10 first time after June 30, 1987 and no endorsement provided for
11 by this Section shall be made or affixed to an administrative
12 certificate for the first time after June 30, 1987 unless the
13 person to whom such administrative certificate is to be issued
14 or to whose administrative certificate such endorsement is to
15 be affixed has been required to demonstrate as a part of a
16 program of academic or professional preparation for such
17 certification or endorsement: (i) an understanding of the
18 knowledge called for in establishing productive parent-school
19 relationships and of the procedures fostering the involvement
20 which such relationships demand; and (ii) an understanding of
21 the knowledge required for establishing a high quality school
22 climate and promoting good classroom organization and
23 management, including rules of conduct and instructional
24 procedures appropriate to accomplishing the tasks of
25 schooling; and (iii) a demonstration of the knowledge and
26 skills called for in providing instructional leadership. The

1 standards for demonstrating an understanding of such knowledge
2 shall be set forth by the State Board of Education in
3 consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board, and
4 shall be administered by the recognized institutions of higher
5 learning as part of the programs of academic and professional
6 preparation required for certification and endorsement under
7 this Section. As used in this subsection: "establishing
8 productive parent-school relationships" means the ability to
9 maintain effective communication between parents and school
10 personnel, to encourage parental involvement in schooling, and
11 to motivate school personnel to engage parents in encouraging
12 student achievement, including the development of programs and
13 policies which serve to accomplish this purpose; and
14 "establishing a high quality school climate" means the ability
15 to promote academic achievement, to maintain discipline, to
16 recognize substance abuse problems among students and utilize
17 appropriate law enforcement and other community resources to
18 address these problems, to support teachers and students in
19 their education endeavors, to establish learning objectives
20 and to provide instructional leadership, including the
21 development of policies and programs which serve to accomplish
22 this purpose; and "providing instructional leadership" means
23 the ability to effectively evaluate school personnel, to
24 possess general communication and interpersonal skills, and to
25 establish and maintain appropriate classroom learning
26 environments. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply

1 to or affect the initial issuance or making on or before June
2 30, 1987 of any administrative certificate or endorsement
3 provided for under this Section, nor shall such provisions
4 apply to or affect the renewal after June 30, 1987 of any such
5 certificate or endorsement initially issued or made on or
6 before June 30, 1987.

7 (c) Administrative certificates shall be renewed every 5
8 years with the first renewal being 5 years following the
9 initial receipt of an administrative certificate, unless the
10 validity period for the administrative certificate has been
11 changed under subsection (a-5) of this Section, in which case
12 the certificate shall be renewed at the same time that the
13 Standard or Master Teaching Certificate is renewed.

14 (c-5) (Blank).

15 (c-10) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c-15) of
16 this Section, persons holding administrative certificates must
17 follow the certificate renewal procedure set forth in this
18 subsection (c-10), provided that those persons holding
19 administrative certificates on June 30, 2003 who are renewing
20 those certificates on or after July 1, 2003 shall be issued new
21 administrative certificates valid for 5 years (unless changed
22 under subsection (a-5) of this Section), which may be renewed
23 thereafter as set forth in this subsection (c-10).

24 A person holding an administrative certificate and
25 employed in a position requiring administrative certification,
26 including a regional superintendent of schools, must satisfy

1 the continuing professional development requirements of this
2 Section to renew his or her administrative certificate. The
3 continuing professional development must include without
4 limitation the following continuing professional development
5 purposes:

6 (1) To improve the administrator's knowledge of
7 instructional practices and administrative procedures in
8 accordance with the Illinois Professional School Leader
9 Standards.

10 (2) To maintain the basic level of competence required
11 for initial certification.

12 (3) To improve the administrator's mastery of skills
13 and knowledge regarding the improvement of teaching
14 performance in clinical settings and assessment of the
15 levels of student performance in the schools.

16 The continuing professional development must include the
17 following in order for the certificate to be renewed:

18 (A) Participation in continuing professional
19 development activities, which must total a minimum of 100
20 hours of continuing professional development. The
21 participation must consist of a minimum of 5 activities per
22 validity period of the certificate, and the certificate
23 holder must maintain documentation of completion of each
24 activity.

25 (B) Participation every year in an Illinois
26 Administrators' Academy course, which participation must

1 total a minimum of 30 continuing professional development
2 hours during the period of the certificate's validity and
3 which must include completion of applicable required
4 coursework, including completion of a communication,
5 dissemination, or application component, as defined by the
6 State Board of Education.

7 The certificate holder must complete a verification form
8 developed by the State Board of Education and certify that 100
9 hours of continuing professional development activities and 5
10 Administrators' Academy courses have been completed. The
11 regional superintendent of schools shall review and validate
12 the verification form for a certificate holder. Based on
13 compliance with all of the requirements for renewal, the
14 regional superintendent of schools shall forward a
15 recommendation for renewal or non-renewal to the State
16 Superintendent of Education and shall notify the certificate
17 holder of the recommendation. The State Superintendent of
18 Education shall review the recommendation to renew or non-renew
19 and shall notify, in writing, the certificate holder of a
20 decision denying renewal of his or her certificate. Any
21 decision regarding non-renewal of an administrative
22 certificate may be appealed to the State Teacher Certification
23 Board.

24 The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
25 State Teacher Certification Board, shall adopt rules to
26 implement this subsection (c-10).

1 The regional superintendent of schools shall monitor the
2 process for renewal of administrative certificates established
3 in this subsection (c-10).

4 (c-15) This subsection (c-15) applies to the first period
5 of an administrative certificate's validity during which the
6 holder becomes subject to the requirements of subsection (c-10)
7 of this Section if the certificate has less than 5 years'
8 validity or has less than 5 years' validity remaining when the
9 certificate holder becomes subject to the requirements of
10 subsection (c-10) of this Section. With respect to this period,
11 the 100 hours of continuing professional development and 5
12 activities per validity period specified in clause (A) of
13 subsection (c-10) of this Section shall instead be deemed to
14 mean 20 hours of continuing professional development and one
15 activity per year of the certificate's validity or remaining
16 validity and the 30 continuing professional development hours
17 specified in clause (B) of subsection (c-10) of this Section
18 shall instead be deemed to mean completion of at least one
19 course per year of the certificate's validity or remaining
20 validity. Certificate holders who evaluate certified staff
21 must complete a 2-day teacher evaluation course, in addition to
22 the 30 continuing professional development hours.

23 (c-20) The State Board of Education, in consultation with
24 the State Teacher Certification Board, shall develop
25 procedures for implementing this Section and shall administer
26 the renewal of administrative certificates. Failure to submit

1 satisfactory evidence of continuing professional education
2 which contributes to promoting the goals of this Section shall
3 result in a loss of administrative certification.

4 (d) Any limited or life supervisory certificate issued
5 prior to July 1, 1968 shall continue to be valid for all
6 administrative and supervisory positions in the public schools
7 for which it is valid as of that date as long as its holder
8 meets the requirements for registration or renewal as set forth
9 in the statutes or until revoked according to law.

10 (e) The administrative or supervisory positions for which
11 the certificate shall be valid shall be determined by one or
12 more of the following endorsements: general supervisory,
13 general administrative, principal, chief school business
14 official, and superintendent.

15 Subject to the provisions of Section 21-1a, endorsements
16 shall be made under conditions set forth in this Section. The
17 State Board of Education shall, in consultation with the State
18 Teacher Certification Board, adopt rules pursuant to the
19 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, establishing
20 requirements for obtaining administrative certificates where
21 the minimum administrative or supervisory requirements surpass
22 those set forth in this Section.

23 The State Teacher Certification Board shall file with the
24 State Board of Education a written recommendation when
25 considering additional administrative or supervisory
26 requirements. All additional requirements shall be based upon

1 the requisite knowledge necessary to perform those tasks
2 required by the certificate. The State Board of Education shall
3 in consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board,
4 establish standards within its rules which shall include the
5 academic and professional requirements necessary for
6 certification. These standards shall at a minimum contain, but
7 not be limited to, those used by the State Board of Education
8 in determining whether additional knowledge will be required.
9 Additionally, the State Board of Education shall in
10 consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board,
11 establish provisions within its rules whereby any member of the
12 educational community or the public may file a formal written
13 recommendation or inquiry regarding requirements.

14 (1) Until July 1, 2003, the general supervisory
15 endorsement shall be affixed to the administrative
16 certificate of any holder who has at least 16 semester
17 hours of graduate credit in professional education
18 including 8 semester hours of graduate credit in curriculum
19 and research and who has at least 2 years of full-time
20 teaching experience or school service personnel experience
21 in public schools, schools under the supervision of the
22 Department of Corrections, schools under the
23 administration of the Department of Rehabilitation
24 Services, or nonpublic schools meeting the standards
25 established by the State Superintendent of Education or
26 comparable out-of-state recognition standards approved by

1 the State Superintendent of Education.

2 Such endorsement shall be required for supervisors,
3 curriculum directors and for such similar and related
4 positions as determined by the State Superintendent of
5 Education in consultation with the State Teacher
6 Certification Board.

7 (2) Until August 31 ~~June 30~~, 2014, the general
8 administrative endorsement shall be affixed to the
9 administrative certificate of any holder who has at least
10 20 semester hours of graduate credit in educational
11 administration and supervision and who has at least 2 years
12 of full-time teaching experience or school service
13 personnel experience in public schools, schools under the
14 supervision of the Department of Corrections, schools
15 under the administration of the Department of
16 Rehabilitation Services, or nonpublic schools meeting the
17 standards established by the State Superintendent of
18 Education or comparable out-of-state recognition standards
19 approved by the State Superintendent of Education.

20 Such endorsement or a principal endorsement shall be
21 required for principal, assistant principal, assistant or
22 associate superintendent, and junior college dean and for
23 related or similar positions as determined by the State
24 Superintendent of Education in consultation with the State
25 Teacher Certification Board.

26 (2.5) The principal endorsement shall be affixed to the

1 administrative certificate of any holder who qualifies by:

2 (A) successfully completing a principal
3 preparation program approved in accordance with
4 Section 21-7.6 of this Code and any applicable rules;

5 (B) having 4 years of teaching experience;
6 however, the State Board of Education shall allow, by
7 rules, for fewer than 4 years of experience based on
8 meeting standards set forth in such rules, including
9 without limitation a review of performance evaluations
10 or other evidence of demonstrated qualifications; and

11 (C) having a master's degree.

12 (3) The chief school business official endorsement
13 shall be affixed to the administrative certificate of any
14 holder who qualifies by having a Master's degree, 2 years
15 of administrative experience in school business management
16 or 2 years of university-approved practical experience,
17 and a minimum of 20 semester hours of graduate credit in a
18 program established by the State Superintendent of
19 Education in consultation with the State Teacher
20 Certification Board for the preparation of school business
21 administrators. Such endorsement shall also be affixed to
22 the administrative certificate of any holder who qualifies
23 by having a Master's Degree in Business Administration,
24 Finance or Accounting and 6 semester hours of internship in
25 school business management from a regionally accredited
26 institution of higher education.

1 After June 30, 1977, such endorsement shall be required
2 for any individual first employed as a chief school
3 business official.

4 (4) The superintendent endorsement shall be affixed to
5 the administrative certificate of any holder who has
6 completed 30 semester hours of graduate credit beyond the
7 master's degree in a program for the preparation of
8 superintendents of schools including 16 semester hours of
9 graduate credit in professional education and who has at
10 least 2 years experience as an administrator or supervisor
11 in the public schools or the State Board of Education or
12 education service regions or in nonpublic schools meeting
13 the standards established by the State Superintendent of
14 Education or comparable out-of-state recognition standards
15 approved by the State Superintendent of Education and holds
16 general supervisory or general administrative endorsement,
17 or who has had 2 years of experience as a supervisor, chief
18 school business official, or administrator while holding
19 an all-grade supervisory certificate or a certificate
20 comparable in validity and educational and experience
21 requirements.

22 After June 30, 1968, such endorsement shall be required
23 for a superintendent of schools, except as provided in the
24 second paragraph of this Section and in Section 34-6.

25 Any person appointed to the position of superintendent
26 between the effective date of this Act and June 30, 1993 in

1 a school district organized pursuant to Article 32 with an
2 enrollment of at least 20,000 pupils shall be exempt from
3 the provisions of this paragraph (4) until June 30, 1996.

4 (f) All official interpretations or acts of issuing or
5 denying administrative certificates or endorsements by the
6 State Teacher's Certification Board, State Board of Education
7 or the State Superintendent of Education, from the passage of
8 P.A. 81-1208 on November 8, 1979 through September 24, 1981 are
9 hereby declared valid and legal acts in all respects and
10 further that the purported repeal of the provisions of this
11 Section by P.A. 81-1208 and P.A. 81-1509 is declared null and
12 void.

13 (g) This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

14 (Source: P.A. 96-56, eff. 1-1-10; 96-903, eff. 7-1-10; 96-982,
15 eff. 1-1-11; 96-1423, eff. 8-3-10; revised 9-2-10.)

16 (105 ILCS 5/21-7.5)

17 Sec. 21-7.5. Teacher leader endorsement. It shall be the
18 policy of the State of Illinois to improve the quality of
19 instructional leaders by providing a career pathway for
20 teachers interested in serving in leadership roles. Beginning
21 on July 1, 2007, the State Board, in consultation with the
22 State Teacher Certification Board, shall establish and
23 implement a teacher leader endorsement, to be known as a
24 teacher leader endorsement. Persons who meet the requirements
25 of and successfully complete the requirements of the

1 endorsement established under this Section on or before August
2 31, 2012 shall be issued a teacher leader endorsement for
3 serving in schools in this State. No teacher leader endorsement
4 under this Section shall be issued after December 31, 2012. The
5 endorsement shall be a career path endorsement but not a
6 restrictive endorsement available to: (i) teachers who are
7 certified through the National Board for Professional Teaching
8 Standards and complete a specially designed strand of teacher
9 leadership courses; (ii) teachers who have completed a master's
10 degree program in teacher leadership; and (iii) proven teacher
11 leaders with a master's degree who complete a specially
12 designed strand of teacher leadership courses. Colleges and
13 universities shall have the authority to qualify the
14 proficiency of proven teacher leaders under clause (iii) of
15 this Section. A teacher who meets any of clauses (i) through
16 (iii) of this Section shall be deemed to satisfy the
17 requirements for the teacher leader endorsement. The State
18 Board may adopt rules that are consistent with this Section and
19 that the State Board deems necessary to establish and implement
20 this teacher leadership endorsement program.

21 This Section is repealed on January 1, 2013.

22 (Source: P.A. 94-1039, eff. 7-20-06.)

23 (105 ILCS 5/21-7.6)

24 Sec. 21-7.6. Principal preparation programs.

25 (a) It is the policy of this State that an essential

1 element of improving student learning is supporting and
2 employing highly effective school principals in leadership
3 roles who improve teaching and learning and increase academic
4 achievement and the development of all students.

5 (b) No later than September ~~July~~ 1, 2014, all institutions
6 of higher education and not-for-profit entities approved by the
7 State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
8 Teacher Certification Board, to offer principal preparation
9 programs must do all of the following:

10 (1) Meet the standards and requirements for such
11 programs in accordance with this Section and any rules
12 adopted by the State Board of Education.

13 (2) Prepare candidates to meet approved standards for
14 principal skills, knowledge, and responsibilities, which
15 shall include a focus on instruction and student learning
16 and which must be used for principal professional
17 development, mentoring, and evaluation.

18 (3) Include specific requirements for (i) the
19 selection and assessment of candidates, (ii) training in
20 the evaluation of staff, (iii) an internship, and (iv) a
21 partnership with one or more school districts or
22 State-recognized, non-public schools where the chief
23 administrator is required to have the certification
24 necessary to be a principal in an Illinois public school
25 and where a majority of the instructors are required to
26 have the certification necessary to be instructors in an

1 Illinois public school.

2 In accordance with subsection (a) of Section 21-7.1 of this
3 Code, any principal preparation program offered in whole or in
4 part by a not-for-profit entity must also be approved by the
5 Board of Higher Education.

6 (c) No candidates may be admitted to an approved general
7 administrative preparation program after September 1, 2012.
8 Institutions of higher education currently offering general
9 administrative preparation programs may no longer entitle
10 principals with a general administrative endorsement after
11 August 31 ~~June 30~~, 2014.

12 (d) Candidates successfully completing a principal
13 preparation program established pursuant to this Section shall
14 obtain a principal endorsement on an administrative
15 certificate and are eligible to work in, at a minimum, those
16 capacities set forth in paragraph (2) of subsection (e) of
17 Section 21-7.1 of this Code. Beginning on August 31 ~~July 1~~,
18 2014, the general administrative endorsement shall no longer be
19 issued. Individuals who hold a valid and registered
20 administrative certificate with a general administrative
21 endorsement prior to July 1, 2014 and who have served for at
22 least one full year during the 5 years prior in a position
23 requiring a general administrative endorsement shall, upon
24 request to the State Board of Education and through July 1,
25 2015, have their respective general administrative endorsement
26 converted to a principal endorsement. All other individuals

1 holding a valid and registered administrative certificate with
2 a general administrative endorsement prior to August 31 ~~July 1,~~
3 2014 shall have such general administrative endorsement
4 converted to a principal endorsement upon request to the State
5 Board of Education and by completing one of the following
6 pathways:

7 (1) Take and pass a State principal assessment
8 developed by the State Board of Education.

9 (2) Through July 1, 2019, complete an Illinois
10 Administrators' Academy course designated by the State
11 Superintendent of Education.

12 (3) Complete a principal preparation program
13 established and approved pursuant to this Section and
14 applicable rules.

15 Nothing in this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly
16 shall prevent an individual having a general administrative
17 endorsement from serving at any time in any position identified
18 in paragraph (2) of subsection (e) of Section 21-7.1 of this
19 Code.

20 (e) The State Board of Education may adopt rules necessary
21 to implement and administer principal preparation programs
22 under this Section.

23 (f) This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

24 (Source: P.A. 96-903, eff. 7-1-10.)

25 (105 ILCS 5/21-9) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-9)

1 Sec. 21-9. Substitute certificates and substitute
2 teaching.

3 (a) A substitute teacher's certificate may be issued for
4 teaching in all grades of the common schools. Such certificate
5 may be issued upon request of the regional superintendent of
6 schools of any region in which the teacher is to teach. A
7 substitute teacher's certificate is valid for teaching in the
8 public schools of any county. Such certificate may be issued to
9 persons who either (a) hold a certificate valid for teaching in
10 the common schools as shown on the face of the certificate, (b)
11 hold a bachelor's degree or higher ~~bachelor of arts degree~~ from
12 an institution of higher learning accredited by the North
13 Central Association or other comparable regional accrediting
14 association or have been graduated from a recognized
15 institution of higher learning with a bachelor's degree or
16 higher, or (c) (blank) ~~have had 2 years of teaching experience~~
17 ~~and meet such other rules and regulations as may be adopted by~~
18 ~~the State Board of Education in consultation with the State~~
19 ~~Teacher Certification Board~~. Such certificate shall expire on
20 June 30 in the fourth year from date of issue. Substitute
21 teacher's certificates are not subject to endorsement as
22 described in Section 21-1b of this Code.

23 (b) A teacher holding a substitute teacher's certificate
24 may teach only in the place of a certified teacher who is under
25 contract with the employing board ~~and may teach only when no~~
26 ~~appropriate fully certified teacher is available to teach in a~~

1 ~~substitute capacity.~~ If, however, there is no certified teacher
2 under contract because of an emergency situation, then a school
3 district may employ a substitute teacher for no longer than 30
4 calendar days per each vacant position in the district if the
5 district notifies the appropriate regional office of education
6 within 5 business days after the employment of the substitute
7 teacher in the emergency situation. An emergency situation is
8 one in which an unforeseen vacancy has occurred and (i) a
9 teacher is unable to fulfill his or her contractual duties or
10 (ii) teacher capacity needs of the district exceed previous
11 indications, and the district is actively engaged in
12 advertising to hire a fully certified teacher for the vacant
13 position.

14 There is no limit on the number of days that a substitute
15 teacher may teach in a single school district, provided that no
16 substitute teacher may teach for longer than 90 school days for
17 any one certified teacher under contract in the same school
18 year.

19 A teacher holding an early childhood certificate, an
20 elementary certificate, a high school certificate, or a special
21 certificate may also substitute teach in grades K-12, but only
22 in the place of a certified teacher who is under contract with
23 the employing board, and may not teach for longer than 120 days
24 for any one certified teacher under contract in the same school
25 year. ~~A substitute teacher may teach only for a period not to~~
26 ~~exceed 90 paid school days or 450 paid school hours in any one~~

1 ~~school district in any one school term. However, a teacher~~
2 ~~holding an early childhood, elementary, high school, or special~~
3 ~~certificate may substitute teach for a period not to exceed 120~~
4 ~~paid school days or 600 paid school hours in any one school~~
5 ~~district in any one school term. Where such teaching is partly~~
6 ~~on a daily and partly on an hourly basis, a school day shall be~~
7 ~~considered as 5 hours.~~ The teaching limitations imposed by this
8 subsection upon teachers holding substitute certificates shall
9 not apply in any school district operating under Article 34.

10 (c) (Blank). ~~In order to substitute teach in the public~~
11 ~~schools, a person holding a valid substitute teacher's~~
12 ~~certificate or a person holding a valid early childhood~~
13 ~~certificate, a valid elementary certificate, a valid high~~
14 ~~school certificate, or a valid special certificate shall~~
15 ~~register as a substitute teacher with the regional~~
16 ~~superintendent of schools in each educational service region~~
17 ~~where the person will be employed. A person who registers as a~~
18 ~~substitute teacher with the regional superintendent of schools~~
19 ~~is responsible for (1) the payment of fees to register the~~
20 ~~certificate for its period of validity, (2) authorization of a~~
21 ~~criminal history records check and checks of the Statewide Sex~~
22 ~~Offender Database and Statewide Child Murderer and Violent~~
23 ~~Offender Against Youth Database, as provided in Section 10-21.9~~
24 ~~of this Code, (3) payment of the cost of the criminal history~~
25 ~~records check and checks of the Statewide Sex Offender Database~~
26 ~~and Statewide Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth~~

1 ~~Database, and (4) providing evidence of physical fitness and~~
2 ~~freedom from communicable disease, including tuberculosis,~~
3 ~~which may consist of a physical examination and a tuberculin~~
4 ~~skin test as required by Section 24-5 of this Code.~~

5 ~~The regional superintendent of schools shall maintain a~~
6 ~~file for each registered substitute teacher in the educational~~
7 ~~service region that includes a copy of the person's~~
8 ~~certificate, the results from the criminal history records~~
9 ~~check and checks of the Statewide Sex Offender Database and~~
10 ~~Statewide Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth~~
11 ~~Database, a copy of the physical examination, and a copy of the~~
12 ~~tuberculin skin test. The regional superintendent of schools~~
13 ~~shall issue a signed and sealed certificate of authorization to~~
14 ~~the substitute teacher that verifies that the substitute~~
15 ~~teacher has completed the registration process and criminal~~
16 ~~history records check and checks of the Statewide Sex Offender~~
17 ~~Database and Statewide Child Murderer and Violent Offender~~
18 ~~Against Youth Database and has a physical examination and~~
19 ~~negative tuberculin test on file with the regional~~
20 ~~superintendent of schools and is thereby approved to substitute~~
21 ~~teach in the public schools of the educational service region.~~
22 ~~This certificate must be presented to all prospective employing~~
23 ~~school districts in the educational service region, who shall~~
24 ~~photocopy the certificate and keep a copy of the certificate~~
25 ~~with employment records for the substitute teacher.~~

26 ~~Persons wishing to substitute teach in more than one~~

1 ~~educational service region shall register as a substitute~~
2 ~~teacher with the appropriate regional superintendent of~~
3 ~~schools. The registration process shall include all items~~
4 ~~listed in the first paragraph of this subsection (b), with the~~
5 ~~exception of the authorization of a criminal history records~~
6 ~~check and checks of the Statewide Sex Offender Database and~~
7 ~~Statewide Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth~~
8 ~~Database and the accompanying payment of associated fees. If~~
9 ~~the substitute teacher has been issued a signed and sealed~~
10 ~~certificate of authorization from another regional~~
11 ~~superintendent of schools, the registering entity may~~
12 ~~photocopy the certificate for its files and verify the~~
13 ~~substitute teacher's registration status.~~

14 (d) This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

15 (Source: P.A. 96-1489, eff. 1-1-11.)

16 (105 ILCS 5/21-10) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-10)

17 Sec. 21-10. Provisional certificate.

18 (A) (Blank). ~~Until July 1, 1972, the State Teacher~~
19 ~~Certification Board may issue a provisional certificate valid~~
20 ~~for teaching in elementary, high school or special subject~~
21 ~~fields subject to the following conditions:~~

22 ~~A provisional certificate may be issued to a person who~~
23 ~~presents certified evidence of having earned a bachelor's~~
24 ~~degree from a recognized institution of higher learning. The~~
25 ~~academic and professional courses offered as a basis of the~~

1 ~~provisional certificate shall be courses approved by the State~~
2 ~~Board of Education in consultation with the State Teacher~~
3 ~~Certification Board.~~

4 ~~A certificate earned under this plan may be renewed at the~~
5 ~~end of each two year period upon evidence filed with the State~~
6 ~~Teacher Certification Board that the holder has earned 8~~
7 ~~semester hours of credit within the period; provided the~~
8 ~~requirements for the certificate of the same type issued for~~
9 ~~the teaching position for which the teacher is employed shall~~
10 ~~be met by the end of the second renewal period. A second~~
11 ~~provisional certificate shall not be issued. The credits so~~
12 ~~earned must be approved by the State Board of Education in~~
13 ~~consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board and~~
14 ~~must meet the general pattern for a similar type of certificate~~
15 ~~issued on the basis of credit. No more than 4 semester hours~~
16 ~~shall be chosen from elective subjects.~~

17 (B) After July 1, 1972, the State Teacher Certification
18 Board may issue a provisional certificate valid for teaching in
19 early childhood, elementary, high school or special subject
20 fields, or for providing service as school service personnel or
21 for administering schools subject to the following conditions:
22 A provisional certificate may be issued to a person who meets
23 the requirements for a regular teaching, school service
24 personnel or administrative certificate in another State and
25 who presents certified evidence of having earned a bachelor's
26 degree from a recognized institution of higher learning. The

1 academic and professional courses offered as a basis of the
2 provisional certificate shall be courses approved by the State
3 Board of Education in consultation with the State Teacher
4 Certification Board. A certificate earned under this plan is
5 valid for a period of 2 years and shall not be renewed.

6 (C) The State Teacher Certification Board may also issue a
7 provisional vocational certificate and a temporary provisional
8 vocational certificate.

9 (1) The requirements for a provisional vocational
10 certificate shall be determined by the State Board of
11 Education in consultation with the State Teacher
12 Certification Board; provided, the following minimum
13 requirements are met: (a) after July 1, 1972, at least 30
14 semester hours of credit from a recognized institution of
15 higher learning; and (b) after July 1, 1974, at least 60
16 semester hours of credit from a recognized institution of
17 higher learning.

18 (2) The requirements for a temporary provisional
19 vocational certificate shall be determined by the State
20 Board of Education in consultation with the State Teacher
21 Certification Board; provided, the following minimum
22 requirements are met: (a) after July 1, 1973, at least
23 4,000 hours of work experience in the skill to be certified
24 for teaching; and (b) after July 1, 1975, at least 8,000
25 hours of work experience in the skill to be certified for
26 teaching. Any certificate issued under the provisions of

1 this paragraph shall expire on June 30 following the date
2 of issue. Renewals may be granted on a yearly basis, but
3 shall not be granted to any person who does not file with
4 the State Teacher Certification Board a transcript showing
5 at least 3 semester hours of credit earned during the
6 previous year in a recognized institution of learning. No
7 such certificate shall be issued except upon certification
8 by the employing board, subject to the approval of the
9 regional superintendent of schools, that no qualified
10 teacher holding a regular certificate or a provisional
11 vocational certificate is available and that actual
12 circumstances and need require such issuance.

13 The courses or work experience offered as a basis for the
14 issuance of the provisional vocational certificate or the
15 temporary provisional vocational certificate shall be approved
16 by the State Board of Education in consultation with the State
17 Teacher Certification Board.

18 (D) (Blank). ~~Until July 1, 1972, the State Teacher~~
19 ~~Certification Board may also issue a provisional foreign~~
20 ~~language certificate valid for 4 years for teaching the foreign~~
21 ~~language named therein in all grades of the common schools and~~
22 ~~shall be issued to persons who have graduated from a recognized~~
23 ~~institution of higher learning with not fewer than 120 semester~~
24 ~~hours of credit and who have met other requirements as~~
25 ~~determined by the State Board of Education in consultation with~~
26 ~~the State Teacher Certification Board. If the holder of a~~

1 ~~provisional foreign language certificate is not a citizen of~~
2 ~~the United States within 6 years of the date of issuance of the~~
3 ~~original certificate, such certificate shall be suspended by~~
4 ~~the regional superintendent of schools of the region in which~~
5 ~~the holder is engaged to teach and shall not be reinstated~~
6 ~~until the holder is a citizen of the United States.~~

7 (E) Notwithstanding anything in this Act to the contrary,
8 the State Teacher Certification Board shall issue part-time
9 provisional certificates to eligible individuals who are
10 professionals and craftsmen.

11 The requirements for a part-time provisional teachers
12 certificate shall be determined by the State Board of Education
13 in consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board,
14 provided the following minimum requirements are met: 60
15 semester hours of credit from a recognized institution of
16 higher learning or 4000 hours of work experience in the skill
17 to be certified for teaching.

18 A part-time provisional certificate may be issued for
19 teaching no more than 2 courses of study for grades 6 through
20 12.

21 A part-time provisional teachers certificate shall be
22 valid for 2 years and may be renewed at the end of each 2 year
23 period.

24 (F) This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

25 (Source: P.A. 96-689, eff. 8-25-09.)

1 (105 ILCS 5/21-11.1) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-11.1)

2 Sec. 21-11.1. Certificates for equivalent qualifications.
3 An applicant who holds or is eligible to hold a teacher's
4 certificate or license under the laws of another state or
5 territory of the United States may be granted a corresponding
6 teacher's certificate in Illinois on the written authorization
7 of the State Board of Education and the State Teacher
8 Certification Board upon the following conditions:

9 (1) That the applicant is at least 19 years of age, is
10 of good character, of good health, and a citizen of the
11 United States or legally present and authorized for
12 employment; and

13 (2) That the requirements for a similar teacher's
14 certificate in the particular state or territory were, at
15 the date of issuance of the certificate, substantially
16 equal to the requirements in force at the time the
17 application is made for the certificate in this State.

18 After January 1, 1988, in addition to satisfying the
19 foregoing conditions and requirements, an applicant for a
20 corresponding teaching certificate in Illinois also shall be
21 required to pass the examinations required under the provisions
22 of Section 21-1a as directed by the State Board of Education.

23 In determining good character under this Section, any
24 felony conviction of the applicant may be taken into
25 consideration, but the conviction shall not operate as a bar to
26 registration.

1 The State Board of Education in consultation with the State
2 Teacher Certification Board shall prescribe rules and
3 regulations establishing the similarity of certificates in
4 other states and the standards for determining the equivalence
5 of requirements.

6 This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

7 (Source: P.A. 93-572, eff. 1-1-04.)

8 (105 ILCS 5/21-11.2) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-11.2)

9 Sec. 21-11.2. Additional certificates - Experienced
10 Employed Teachers. Experienced certified teachers employed in
11 Illinois public or private elementary and secondary schools
12 seeking additional teaching certificates as provided in
13 Sections 21-2.1, 21-3, 21-4 and 21-5 may submit an application
14 for evaluation of credentials to the State Teacher
15 Certification Board. Individuals obtaining a certificate by
16 transcript evaluation shall meet the minimum requirements for
17 the certificate as approved by the State Superintendent of
18 Education in consultation with the State Teacher Certification
19 Board.

20 This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

21 (Source: P.A. 82-911.)

22 (105 ILCS 5/21-11.3) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-11.3)

23 Sec. 21-11.3. Resident teacher certificate. A resident
24 teacher certificate shall be valid for 4 years for employment

1 as a resident teacher in a public school. It shall be issued
2 only to persons who have graduated from a regionally accredited
3 institution of higher education with a bachelor's degree, who
4 are enrolled in a program of preparation approved by the State
5 Superintendent of Education in consultation with the State
6 Teacher Certification Board, and who have passed the
7 appropriate tests as required in Section 21-1a and as
8 determined by the State Board of Education. A resident teacher
9 certificate may be issued for teaching children through grade 3
10 or for grades K-9, 6-12, or K-12 in a special subject area and
11 may not be renewed. A resident teacher may teach only under the
12 direction of a certified teacher as the resident teacher's
13 mentor and shall not teach in place of a certified teacher. The
14 holder of a resident teacher certificate shall be deemed to
15 have satisfied the requirements for the issuance of a Standard
16 Teaching Certificate if he or she has completed 4 years of
17 successful teaching, has passed all appropriate tests, and has
18 earned a master's degree in education.

19 No one may be admitted to a resident teacher program after
20 July 1, 2012.

21 This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

22 (Source: P.A. 91-102, eff. 7-12-99; 92-560, eff. 6-24-02.)

23 (105 ILCS 5/21-11.4)

24 Sec. 21-11.4. Illinois Teacher Corps.

25 (a) The General Assembly finds and determines that (i) it

1 is important to encourage the entry of qualified professionals
2 into elementary and secondary teaching as a second career; and
3 (ii) there are a number of individuals who have bachelors'
4 degrees, experience in the work force, and an interest in
5 serving youth that creates a special talent pool with great
6 potential for enriching the lives of Illinois children as
7 teachers. To provide this talent pool with the opportunity to
8 serve children as teachers, school districts, colleges, and
9 universities are encouraged, as part of the public policy of
10 this State, to enter into collaborative programs to educate and
11 induct these non-traditional candidates into the teaching
12 profession. To facilitate the certification of such
13 candidates, the State Board of Education, in consultation with
14 the State Teacher Certification Board, shall assist
15 institutions of higher education and school districts with the
16 implementation of the Illinois Teacher Corps.

17 (b) Individuals who wish to become candidates for the
18 Illinois Teacher Corps program must earn a resident teacher
19 certificate as defined in Section 21-11.3, including:

20 (1) graduation from a regionally accredited
21 institution of higher education with a bachelor's degree
22 and at least a 3.00 out of a 4.00 grade point average;

23 (2) a minimum of 5 years of professional experience in
24 the area the candidate wishes to teach;

25 (3) passing the examinations required by the State
26 Board of Education;

1 (4) enrollment in a Masters of Education Degree program
2 approved by the State Superintendent of Education in
3 consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board;
4 and

5 (5) completion of a 6 week summer intensive teacher
6 preparation course which is the first component of the
7 Masters Degree program.

8 (c) School districts may hire an Illinois Teacher Corps
9 candidate after the candidate has received his or her resident
10 teacher certificate. The school district has the
11 responsibility of ensuring that the candidates receive the
12 supports necessary to become qualified, competent and
13 productive teachers. To be eligible to participate in the
14 Illinois Teacher Corps program, school districts must provide a
15 minimum of the following supports to the candidates:

16 (1) a salary and benefits package as negotiated through
17 the teacher contracts;

18 (2) a mentor certified teacher who will provide
19 guidance to one or more candidates under a program
20 developed collaboratively by the school district and
21 university;

22 (3) at least quarterly evaluations performed of each
23 candidate jointly by the mentor teacher and the principal
24 of the school or the principal's designee; and

25 (4) a written and signed document from the school
26 district outlining the support the district intends to

1 provide to the candidates, for approval by the State
2 Teacher Certification Board.

3 (d) Illinois institutions of higher education shall work
4 collaboratively with school districts and the State Teacher
5 Certification Board to academically prepare the candidates for
6 the teaching profession. To be eligible to participate, the
7 College or School of Education of a participating Illinois
8 institution of higher education must develop a curriculum that
9 provides, upon completion, a Masters Degree in Education for
10 the candidates. The Masters Degree program must:

11 (1) receive approval from the State Teacher
12 Certification Board; and

13 (2) take no longer than 3 summers and 2 academic years
14 to complete, and balance the needs and time constraints of
15 the candidates.

16 (e) Upon successful completion of the Masters Degree
17 program, the candidate receives an Initial Teaching
18 Certificate in the State of Illinois.

19 (f) If an individual wishes to become a candidate in the
20 Illinois Teacher Corps program, but does not possess 5 years of
21 professional experience, the individual may qualify for the
22 program by participating in a one year internship teacher
23 preparation program with a school district. The one year
24 internship shall be developed collaboratively by the school
25 district and the Illinois institution of higher education, and
26 shall be approved by the State Teacher Certification Board.

1 (g) The State Board of Education is authorized to award
2 grants to school districts that seek to prepare candidates for
3 the teaching profession who have bachelors' degrees and
4 professional work experience in subjects relevant to teaching
5 fields, but who do not have formal preparation for teaching.
6 Grants may be made to school districts for up to \$3,000 per
7 candidate when the school district, in cooperation with a
8 public or private university and the school district's teacher
9 bargaining unit, develop a program designed to prepare teachers
10 pursuant to the Illinois Teacher Corps program under this
11 Section.

12 (h) Beginning September 1, 2011, individuals may no longer
13 be admitted to Illinois Teacher Corps programs.

14 (i) This Section is repealed on September 1, 2013.

15 (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98; 91-102, eff. 7-12-99.)

16 (105 ILCS 5/21-12) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-12)

17 Sec. 21-12. Printing; Seal; Signature; Credentials.

18 (a) All certificates shall be printed by and bear the
19 signatures of the chairman and of the secretary of the State
20 Teacher Certification Board. Each certificate shall show the
21 integrally printed seal of the State Teacher Certification
22 Board. All college credentials offered as the basis of a
23 certificate shall be presented to the secretary of the State
24 Teacher Certification Board for inspection and approval. ~~The~~
25 ~~regional superintendent of schools, however, has the duty,~~

1 ~~after appropriate training, to accept and review all~~
2 ~~transcripts for new initial certificate applications and~~
3 ~~ensure that each applicant has met all of the criteria~~
4 ~~established by the State Board of Education in consultation~~
5 ~~with the State Teacher Certification Board.~~

6 (b) Until December 31, 2011 ~~Commencing July 1, 1999,~~ each
7 application for a certificate or evaluation of credentials
8 shall be accompanied by an evaluation fee of \$30 payable to the
9 State Superintendent of Education, which is not refundable,
10 except that no application or evaluation fee shall be required
11 for a Master Certificate issued pursuant to subsection (d) of
12 Section 21-2 of this Code.

13 (c) Beginning on January 1, 2012, each application for a
14 certificate or evaluation of credentials must be accompanied by
15 an evaluation fee of \$75 payable to the State Superintendent of
16 Education, which is non-refundable.

17 (d) The proceeds of each ~~\$30~~ fee shall be paid into the
18 Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund, ~~created under Section~~
19 ~~21-1b of this Code;~~ and the moneys in that Fund shall be
20 appropriated and used to provide the technology and other
21 resources necessary for the timely and efficient processing of
22 certification requests.

23 (e) The State Board of Education and each regional office
24 of education are authorized to charge a service or convenience
25 fee for the use of credit cards for the payment of
26 certification fees. This service or convenience fee may not

1 exceed the amount required by the credit card processing
2 company or vendor that has entered into a contract with the
3 State Board or regional office of education for this purpose,
4 and the fee must be paid to that company or vendor.

5 ~~When evaluation verifies the requirements for a valid~~
6 ~~certificate, the applicant shall be issued an entitlement card~~
7 ~~that may be presented to a regional superintendent of schools~~
8 ~~for issuance of a certificate.~~

9 (f) The applicant shall be notified of any deficiencies.

10 (g) This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

11 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

12 (105 ILCS 5/21-14) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-14)

13 Sec. 21-14. Registration and renewal of certificates.

14 (a) A limited four-year certificate or a certificate issued
15 after July 1, 1955, shall be renewable at its expiration or
16 within 60 days thereafter by the county superintendent of
17 schools having supervision and control over the school where
18 the teacher is teaching upon certified evidence of meeting the
19 requirements for renewal as required by this Act and prescribed
20 by the State Board of Education in consultation with the State
21 Teacher Certification Board. An elementary supervisory
22 certificate shall not be renewed at the end of the first
23 four-year period covered by the certificate unless the holder
24 thereof has filed certified evidence with the State Teacher
25 Certification Board that he has a master's degree or that he

1 has earned 8 semester hours of credit in the field of
2 educational administration and supervision in a recognized
3 institution of higher learning. The holder shall continue to
4 earn 8 semester hours of credit each four-year period until
5 such time as he has earned a master's degree.

6 All certificates not renewed as provided in this Section or
7 registered in accordance with this Code shall lapse after a
8 period of 6 months from the expiration of the last year of
9 registration. The certificate may be reinstated once the
10 applicant has demonstrated proficiency by completing 9
11 semester hours of coursework from a regionally accredited
12 institution of higher education in the content area that most
13 aligns with the educator's endorsement area or areas. Before
14 the certificate may be reinstated, the applicant shall pay all
15 back fees owed from the time of expiration of the certificate
16 until the date of reinstatement. Any certificate may be
17 voluntarily surrendered by the certificate holder. A
18 voluntarily surrendered certificate shall be treated as a
19 revoked certificate. ~~All certificates not renewed or~~
20 ~~registered as herein provided shall lapse after a period of 5~~
21 ~~years from the expiration of the last year of registration.~~
22 ~~Such certificates may be reinstated for a one year period upon~~
23 ~~payment of all accumulated registration fees. Such reinstated~~
24 ~~certificates shall only be renewed: (1) by earning 5 semester~~
25 ~~hours of credit in a recognized institution of higher learning~~
26 ~~in the field of professional education or in courses related to~~

1 ~~the holder's contractual teaching duties; or (2) by presenting~~
2 ~~evidence of holding a valid regular certificate of some other~~
3 ~~type. Any certificate may be voluntarily surrendered by the~~
4 ~~certificate holder. A voluntarily surrendered certificate~~
5 ~~shall be treated as a revoked certificate.~~

6 (b) When those teaching certificates issued before
7 February 15, 2000 are renewed for the first time after February
8 15, 2000, all such teaching certificates shall be exchanged for
9 Standard Teaching Certificates as provided in subsection (c) of
10 Section 21-2. All Initial and Standard Teaching Certificates,
11 including those issued to persons who previously held teaching
12 certificates issued before February 15, 2000, shall be
13 renewable under the conditions set forth in this subsection
14 (b).

15 Initial Teaching Certificates are valid for 4 years of
16 teaching, as provided in subsection (b) of Section 21-2 of this
17 Code, and are renewable every 4 years until the person
18 completes 4 years of teaching. If the holder of an Initial
19 Certificate has completed 4 years of teaching but has not
20 completed the requirements set forth in paragraph (2) of
21 subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of this Code, then the Initial
22 Certificate may be reinstated for one year, during which the
23 requirements must be met. A holder of an Initial Certificate
24 who has not completed 4 years of teaching may continuously
25 register the certificate for additional 4-year periods without
26 penalty. Initial Certificates that are not registered shall

1 lapse consistent with subsection (a) of this Section and may be
2 reinstated only in accordance with subsection (a). Standard
3 Teaching Certificates are renewable every 5 years as provided
4 in subsection (c) of Section 21-2 and subsection (c) of this
5 Section. For purposes of this Section, "teaching" is defined as
6 employment and performance of services in an Illinois public or
7 State-operated elementary school, secondary school, or
8 cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or board
9 of control, in a certificated teaching position, or a charter
10 school operating in compliance with the Charter Schools Law.

11 (c) In compliance with subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of
12 this Code, which provides that a Standard Teaching Certificate
13 may be renewed by the State Teacher Certification Board based
14 upon proof of continuing professional development, the State
15 Board of Education and the State Teacher Certification Board
16 shall jointly:

17 (1) establish a procedure for renewing Standard
18 Teaching Certificates, which shall include but not be
19 limited to annual timelines for the renewal process and the
20 components set forth in subsections (d) through (k) of this
21 Section;

22 (2) establish the standards for certificate renewal;

23 (3) approve or disapprove the providers of continuing
24 professional development activities;

25 (4) determine the maximum credit for each category of
26 continuing professional development activities, based upon

1 recommendations submitted by a continuing professional
2 development activity task force, which shall consist of 6
3 staff members from the State Board of Education, appointed
4 by the State Superintendent of Education, and 6 teacher
5 representatives, 3 of whom are selected by the Illinois
6 Education Association and 3 of whom are selected by the
7 Illinois Federation of Teachers;

8 (5) designate the type and amount of documentation
9 required to show that continuing professional development
10 activities have been completed; and

11 (6) provide, on a timely basis to all Illinois
12 teachers, certificate holders, regional superintendents of
13 schools, school districts, and others with an interest in
14 continuing professional development, information about the
15 standards and requirements established pursuant to this
16 subsection (c).

17 (d) Any Standard Teaching Certificate held by an individual
18 employed and performing services in an Illinois public or
19 State-operated elementary school, secondary school, or
20 cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or board
21 of control in a certificated teaching position or a charter
22 school in compliance with the Charter Schools Law must be
23 maintained Valid and Active through certificate renewal
24 activities specified in the certificate renewal procedure
25 established pursuant to subsection (c) of this Section,
26 provided that a holder of a Valid and Active certificate who is

1 only employed on either a part-time basis or day-to-day basis
2 as a substitute teacher shall pay only the required
3 registration fee to renew his or her certificate and maintain
4 it as Valid and Active. All other Standard Teaching
5 Certificates held may be maintained as Valid and Exempt through
6 the registration process provided for in the certificate
7 renewal procedure established pursuant to subsection (c) of
8 this Section. A Valid and Exempt certificate must be
9 immediately activated, through procedures developed jointly by
10 the State Board of Education and the State Teacher
11 Certification Board, upon the certificate holder becoming
12 employed and performing services in an Illinois public or
13 State-operated elementary school, secondary school, or
14 cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or board
15 of control in a certificated teaching position or a charter
16 school operating in compliance with the Charter Schools Law. A
17 holder of a Valid and Exempt certificate may activate his or
18 her certificate through procedures provided for in the
19 certificate renewal procedure established pursuant to
20 subsection (c) of this Section.

21 (e)(1) A Standard Teaching Certificate that has been
22 maintained as Valid and Active for the 5 years of the
23 certificate's validity shall be renewed as Valid and Active
24 upon the certificate holder: (i) completing an advanced degree
25 from an approved institution in an education-related field;
26 (ii) completing at least 8 semester hours of coursework as

1 described in subdivision (B) of paragraph (3) of this
2 subsection (e); (iii) (blank); (iv) completing the National
3 Board for Professional Teaching Standards process as described
4 in subdivision (D) of paragraph (3) of this subsection (e); or
5 (v) earning 120 continuing professional development units
6 ("CPDU") as described in subdivision (E) of paragraph (3) of
7 this subsection (e). The maximum continuing professional
8 development units for each continuing professional development
9 activity identified in subdivisions (F) through (J) of
10 paragraph (3) of this subsection (e) shall be jointly
11 determined by the State Board of Education and the State
12 Teacher Certification Board. If, however, the certificate
13 holder has maintained the certificate as Valid and Exempt for a
14 portion of the 5-year period of validity, the number of
15 continuing professional development units needed to renew the
16 certificate as Valid and Active shall be proportionately
17 reduced by the amount of time the certificate was Valid and
18 Exempt. Furthermore, if a certificate holder is employed and
19 performs teaching services on a part-time basis for all or a
20 portion of the certificate's 5-year period of validity, the
21 number of continuing professional development units needed to
22 renew the certificate as Valid and Active shall be reduced by
23 50% for the amount of time the certificate holder has been
24 employed and performed teaching services on a part-time basis.
25 Part-time shall be defined as less than 50% of the school day
26 or school term.

1 Notwithstanding any other requirements to the contrary, if
2 a Standard Teaching Certificate has been maintained as Valid
3 and Active for the 5 years of the certificate's validity and
4 the certificate holder has completed his or her certificate
5 renewal plan before July 1, 2002, the certificate shall be
6 renewed as Valid and Active.

7 (2) Beginning July 1, 2004, in order to satisfy the
8 requirements for continuing professional development provided
9 for in subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of this Code, each Valid
10 and Active Standard Teaching Certificate holder shall complete
11 professional development activities that address the
12 certificate or those certificates that are required of his or
13 her certificated teaching position, if the certificate holder
14 is employed and performing services in an Illinois public or
15 State-operated elementary school, secondary school, or
16 cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or board
17 of control, or that certificate or those certificates most
18 closely related to his or her teaching position, if the
19 certificate holder is employed in a charter school. Except as
20 otherwise provided in this subsection (e), the certificate
21 holder's activities must address purposes (A), (B), (C), or (D)
22 and must reflect purpose (E) of the following continuing
23 professional development purposes:

24 (A) Advance both the certificate holder's knowledge
25 and skills as a teacher consistent with the Illinois
26 Professional Teaching Standards and the Illinois Content

1 Area Standards in the certificate holder's areas of
2 certification, endorsement, or teaching assignment in
3 order to keep the certificate holder current in those
4 areas.

5 (B) Develop the certificate holder's knowledge and
6 skills in areas determined to be critical for all Illinois
7 teachers, as defined by the State Board of Education, known
8 as "State priorities".

9 (C) Address the knowledge, skills, and goals of the
10 certificate holder's local school improvement plan, if the
11 teacher is employed in an Illinois public or State-operated
12 elementary school, secondary school, or cooperative or
13 joint agreement with a governing body or board of control.

14 (D) Expand the certificate holder's knowledge and
15 skills in an additional teaching field or toward the
16 acquisition of another teaching certificate, endorsement,
17 or relevant education degree.

18 (E) Address the needs of serving students with
19 disabilities, including adapting and modifying the general
20 curriculum related to the Illinois Learning Standards to
21 meet the needs of students with disabilities and serving
22 such students in the least restrictive environment.
23 Teachers who hold certificates endorsed for special
24 education must devote at least 50% of their continuing
25 professional development activities to this purpose.
26 Teachers holding other certificates must devote at least

1 20% of their activities to this purpose.

2 A speech-language pathologist or audiologist who is
3 licensed under the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and
4 Audiology Practice Act and who has met the continuing education
5 requirements of that Act and the rules promulgated under that
6 Act shall be deemed to have satisfied the continuing
7 professional development requirements established by the State
8 Board of Education and the Teacher Certification Board to renew
9 a Standard Certificate.

10 (3) Continuing professional development activities may
11 include, but are not limited to, the following activities:

12 (A) completion of an advanced degree from an approved
13 institution in an education-related field;

14 (B) at least 8 semester hours of coursework in an
15 approved education-related program, of which at least 2
16 semester hours relate to the continuing professional
17 development purpose set forth in purpose (A) of paragraph
18 (2) of this subsection (e), completion of which means no
19 other continuing professional development activities are
20 required;

21 (C) (blank);

22 (D) completion of the National Board for Professional
23 Teaching Standards ("NBPTS") process for certification or
24 recertification, completion of which means no other
25 continuing professional development activities are
26 required;

1 (E) completion of 120 continuing professional
2 development units that satisfy the continuing professional
3 development purposes set forth in paragraph (2) of this
4 subsection (e) and may include without limitation the
5 activities identified in subdivisions (F) through (J) of
6 this paragraph (3);

7 (F) collaboration and partnership activities related
8 to improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a
9 teacher, including the following:

10 (i) participating on collaborative planning and
11 professional improvement teams and committees;

12 (ii) peer review and coaching;

13 (iii) mentoring in a formal mentoring program,
14 including service as a consulting teacher
15 participating in a remediation process formulated
16 under Section 24A-5 of this Code;

17 (iv) participating in site-based management or
18 decision making teams, relevant committees, boards, or
19 task forces directly related to school improvement
20 plans;

21 (v) coordinating community resources in schools,
22 if the project is a specific goal of the school
23 improvement plan;

24 (vi) facilitating parent education programs for a
25 school, school district, or regional office of
26 education directly related to student achievement or

1 school improvement plans;

2 (vii) participating in business, school, or
3 community partnerships directly related to student
4 achievement or school improvement plans; or

5 (viii) supervising a student teacher or teacher
6 education candidate in clinical supervision, provided
7 that the supervision may only be counted once during
8 the course of 5 years;

9 (G) college or university coursework related to
10 improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher
11 as follows:

12 (i) completing undergraduate or graduate credit
13 earned from a regionally accredited institution in
14 coursework relevant to the certificate area being
15 renewed, including coursework that incorporates
16 induction activities and development of a portfolio of
17 both student and teacher work that provides experience
18 in reflective practices, provided the coursework meets
19 Illinois Professional Teaching Standards or Illinois
20 Content Area Standards and supports the essential
21 characteristics of quality professional development;
22 or

23 (ii) teaching college or university courses in
24 areas relevant to the certificate area being renewed,
25 provided that the teaching may only be counted once
26 during the course of 5 years;

1 (H) conferences, workshops, institutes, seminars, and
2 symposiums related to improving the teacher's knowledge
3 and skills as a teacher, subject to disapproval of the
4 activity or event by the State Teacher Certification Board
5 acting jointly with the State Board of Education, including
6 the following:

7 (i) completing non-university credit directly
8 related to student achievement, school improvement
9 plans, or State priorities;

10 (ii) participating in or presenting at workshops,
11 seminars, conferences, institutes, and symposiums;

12 (iii) training as external reviewers for Quality
13 Assurance;

14 (iv) training as reviewers of university teacher
15 preparation programs; or

16 (v) participating in or presenting at in-service
17 training programs on suicide prevention.

18 A teacher, however, may not receive credit for conferences,
19 workshops, institutes, seminars, or symposiums that are
20 designed for entertainment, promotional, or commercial
21 purposes or that are solely inspirational or motivational.
22 The State Superintendent of Education and regional
23 superintendents of schools are authorized to review the
24 activities and events provided or to be provided under this
25 subdivision (H) and to investigate complaints regarding
26 those activities and events, and either the State

1 Superintendent of Education or a regional superintendent
2 of schools may recommend that the State Teacher
3 Certification Board and the State Board of Education
4 jointly disapprove those activities and events considered
5 to be inconsistent with this subdivision (H);

6 (I) other educational experiences related to improving
7 the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher, including
8 the following:

9 (i) participating in action research and inquiry
10 projects;

11 (ii) observing programs or teaching in schools,
12 related businesses, or industry that is systematic,
13 purposeful, and relevant to certificate renewal;

14 (iii) traveling related to one's teaching
15 assignment, directly related to student achievement or
16 school improvement plans and approved by the regional
17 superintendent of schools or his or her designee at
18 least 30 days prior to the travel experience, provided
19 that the traveling shall not include time spent
20 commuting to destinations where the learning
21 experience will occur;

22 (iv) participating in study groups related to
23 student achievement or school improvement plans;

24 (v) serving on a statewide education-related
25 committee, including but not limited to the State
26 Teacher Certification Board, State Board of Education

1 strategic agenda teams, or the State Advisory Council
2 on Education of Children with Disabilities;

3 (vi) participating in work/learn programs or
4 internships; or

5 (vii) developing a portfolio of student and
6 teacher work;

7 (J) professional leadership experiences related to
8 improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher,
9 including the following:

10 (i) participating in curriculum development or
11 assessment activities at the school, school district,
12 regional office of education, State, or national
13 level;

14 (ii) participating in team or department
15 leadership in a school or school district;

16 (iii) participating on external or internal school
17 or school district review teams;

18 (iv) publishing educational articles, columns, or
19 books relevant to the certificate area being renewed;
20 or

21 (v) participating in non-strike related
22 professional association or labor organization service
23 or activities related to professional development;

24 (K) receipt of a subsequent Illinois certificate or
25 endorsement pursuant to this Article;

26 (L) completion of requirements for meeting the

1 Illinois criteria for becoming "highly qualified" (for
2 purposes of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Public
3 Law 107-110) in an additional teaching area;

4 (M) successful completion of 4 semester hours of
5 graduate-level coursework on the assessment of one's own
6 performance in relation to the Illinois Teaching
7 Standards, as described in clause (B) of paragraph (2) of
8 subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of this Code; or

9 (N) successful completion of a minimum of 4 semester
10 hours of graduate-level coursework addressing preparation
11 to meet the requirements for certification by the National
12 Board for Professional Teaching Standards, as described in
13 clause (C) of paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of Section
14 21-2 of this Code.

15 (4) A person must complete the requirements of this
16 subsection (e) before the expiration of his or her Standard
17 Teaching Certificate and must submit assurance to the regional
18 superintendent of schools or, if applicable, a local
19 professional development committee authorized by the regional
20 superintendent to submit recommendations to him or her for this
21 purpose. The statement of assurance shall contain a list of the
22 activities completed, the provider offering each activity, the
23 number of credits earned for each activity, and the purposes to
24 which each activity is attributed. The certificate holder shall
25 maintain the evidence of completion of each activity for at
26 least one certificate renewal cycle. The certificate holder

1 shall affirm under penalty of perjury that he or she has
2 completed the activities listed and will maintain the required
3 evidence of completion. The State Board of Education or the
4 regional superintendent of schools for each region shall
5 conduct random audits of assurance statements and supporting
6 documentation.

7 (5) (Blank).

8 (6) (Blank).

9 (f) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Code, a
10 school district is authorized to enter into an agreement with
11 the exclusive bargaining representative, if any, to form a
12 local professional development committee (LPDC). The
13 membership and terms of members of the LPDC may be determined
14 by the agreement. Provisions regarding LPDCs contained in a
15 collective bargaining agreement in existence on the effective
16 date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly
17 between a school district and the exclusive bargaining
18 representative shall remain in full force and effect for the
19 term of the agreement, unless terminated by mutual agreement.
20 The LPDC shall make recommendations to the regional
21 superintendent of schools on renewal of teaching certificates.
22 The regional superintendent of schools for each region shall
23 perform the following functions:

24 (1) review recommendations for certificate renewal, if
25 any, received from LPDCs;

26 (2) (blank);

1 (3) (blank);

2 (4) (blank);

3 (5) determine whether certificate holders have met the
4 requirements for certificate renewal and notify
5 certificate holders if the decision is not to renew the
6 certificate;

7 (6) provide a certificate holder with the opportunity
8 to appeal a recommendation made by a LPDC, if any, not to
9 renew the certificate to the regional professional
10 development review committee;

11 (7) issue and forward recommendations for renewal or
12 nonrenewal of certificate holders' Standard Teaching
13 Certificates to the State Teacher Certification Board; and

14 (8) (blank).

15 (g)(1) Each regional superintendent of schools shall
16 review and concur or nonconcur with each recommendation for
17 renewal or nonrenewal of a Standard Teaching Certificate he or
18 she receives from a local professional development committee,
19 if any, or, if a certificate holder appeals the recommendation
20 to the regional professional development review committee, the
21 recommendation for renewal or nonrenewal he or she receives
22 from a regional professional development review committee and,
23 within 14 days of receipt of the recommendation, shall provide
24 the State Teacher Certification Board with verification of the
25 following, if applicable:

26 (A) the certificate holder has satisfactorily

1 completed professional development and continuing
2 education activities set forth in paragraph (3) of
3 subsection (e) of this Section;

4 (B) the certificate holder has submitted the statement
5 of assurance required under paragraph (4) of subsection (e)
6 of this Section, and this statement has been attached to
7 the application for renewal;

8 (C) the local professional development committee, if
9 any, has recommended the renewal of the certificate
10 holder's Standard Teaching Certificate and forwarded the
11 recommendation to the regional superintendent of schools;

12 (D) the certificate holder has appealed his or her
13 local professional development committee's recommendation
14 of nonrenewal, if any, to the regional professional
15 development review committee and the result of that appeal;

16 (E) the regional superintendent of schools has
17 concurred or nonconcurred with the local professional
18 development committee's or regional professional
19 development review committee's recommendation, if any, to
20 renew or nonrenew the certificate holder's Standard
21 Teaching Certificate and made a recommendation to that
22 effect; and

23 (F) the established registration fee for the Standard
24 Teaching Certificate has been paid.

25 If the notice required by this subsection (g) includes a
26 recommendation of certificate nonrenewal, then, at the same

1 time the regional superintendent of schools provides the State
2 Teacher Certification Board with the notice, he or she shall
3 also notify the certificate holder in writing, by certified
4 mail, return receipt requested, that this notice has been
5 provided to the State Teacher Certification Board.

6 (2) Each certificate holder shall have the right to appeal
7 his or her local professional development committee's
8 recommendation of nonrenewal, if any, to the regional
9 professional development review committee, within 14 days of
10 receipt of notice that the recommendation has been sent to the
11 regional superintendent of schools. Each regional
12 superintendent of schools shall establish a regional
13 professional development review committee or committees for
14 the purpose of advising the regional superintendent of schools,
15 upon request, and handling certificate holder appeals. This
16 committee shall consist of at least 4 classroom teachers, one
17 non-administrative certificated educational employee, 2
18 administrators, and one at-large member who shall be either (i)
19 a parent, (ii) a member of the business community, (iii) a
20 community member, or (iv) an administrator, with preference
21 given to an individual chosen from among those persons listed
22 in items (i), (ii), and (iii) in order to secure representation
23 of an interest not already represented on the committee. The
24 teacher and non-administrative certificated educational
25 employee members of the review committee shall be selected by
26 their exclusive representative, if any, and the administrators

1 and at-large member shall be selected by the regional
2 superintendent of schools. A regional superintendent of
3 schools may add additional members to the committee, provided
4 that the same proportion of teachers to administrators and
5 at-large members on the committee is maintained. Any additional
6 teacher and non-administrative certificated educational
7 employee members shall be selected by their exclusive
8 representative, if any. Vacancies in positions on a regional
9 professional development review committee shall be filled in
10 the same manner as the original selections. Committee members
11 shall serve staggered 3-year terms. All individuals selected to
12 serve on regional professional development review committees
13 must be known to demonstrate the best practices in teaching or
14 their respective field of practice.

15 (h) (1) The State Teacher Certification Board shall review
16 the regional superintendent of schools' recommendations to
17 renew or nonrenew Standard Teaching Certificates and notify
18 certificate holders in writing whether their certificates have
19 been renewed or nonrenewed within 90 days of receipt of the
20 recommendations, unless a certificate holder has appealed a
21 regional superintendent of schools' recommendation of
22 nonrenewal, as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection
23 (h). The State Teacher Certification Board shall verify that
24 the certificate holder has met the renewal criteria set forth
25 in paragraph (1) of subsection (g) of this Section.

26 (2) Each certificate holder shall have the right to appeal

1 a regional superintendent of school's recommendation to
2 nonrenew his or her Standard Teaching Certificate to the State
3 Teacher Certification Board, within 14 days of receipt of
4 notice that the decision has been sent to the State Teacher
5 Certification Board, which shall hold an appeal hearing within
6 60 days of receipt of the appeal. When such an appeal is taken,
7 the certificate holder's Standard Teaching Certificate shall
8 continue to be valid until the appeal is finally determined.
9 The State Teacher Certification Board shall review the regional
10 superintendent of school's recommendation, the regional
11 professional development review committee's recommendation, if
12 any, and the local professional development committee's
13 recommendation, if any, and all relevant documentation to
14 verify whether the certificate holder has met the renewal
15 criteria set forth in paragraph (1) of subsection (g) of this
16 Section. The State Teacher Certification Board may request that
17 the certificate holder appear before it. All actions taken by
18 the State Teacher Certification Board shall require a quorum
19 and be by a simple majority of those present and voting. A
20 record of all votes shall be maintained. The State Teacher
21 Certification Board shall notify the certificate holder in
22 writing, within 7 days of completing the review, whether his or
23 her Standard Teaching Certificate has been renewed or
24 nonrenewed, provided that if the State Teacher Certification
25 Board determines to nonrenew a certificate, the written notice
26 provided to the certificate holder shall be by certified mail,

1 return receipt requested. All certificate renewal or
2 nonrenewal decisions of the State Teacher Certification Board
3 are final and subject to administrative review, ~~as set forth in~~
4 ~~Section 21-24 of this Code.~~

5 (i) Holders of Master Teaching Certificates shall meet the
6 same requirements and follow the same procedures as holders of
7 Standard Teaching Certificates, except that their renewal
8 cycle shall be as set forth in subsection (d) of Section 21-2
9 of this Code and their renewal requirements shall be subject to
10 paragraph (8) of subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of this Code.

11 A holder of a teaching certificate endorsed as a
12 speech-language pathologist who has been granted the
13 Certificate of Clinical Competence by the American
14 Speech-Language Hearing Association may renew his or her
15 Standard Teaching Certificate pursuant to the 10-year renewal
16 cycle set forth in subsection (d) of Section 21-2 of this Code.

17 (j) Holders of Valid and Exempt Standard and Master
18 Teaching Certificates who are not employed and performing
19 services in an Illinois public or State-operated elementary
20 school, secondary school, or cooperative or joint agreement
21 with a governing body or board of control, in a certificated
22 teaching position, may voluntarily activate their certificates
23 through the regional superintendent of schools of the regional
24 office of education for the geographic area where their
25 teaching is done. These certificate holders shall follow the
26 same renewal criteria and procedures as all other Standard and

1 Master Teaching Certificate holders, except that their
2 continuing professional development activities need not
3 reflect or address the knowledge, skills, and goals of a local
4 school improvement plan.

5 (k) (Blank).

6 (l) (Blank).

7 (m) The changes made to this Section by this amendatory Act
8 of the 93rd General Assembly that affect renewal of Standard
9 and Master Certificates shall apply to those persons who hold
10 Standard or Master Certificates on or after the effective date
11 of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly and shall
12 be given effect upon renewal of those certificates.

13 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07; 95-793, eff. 1-1-09;
14 96-951, eff. 6-28-10.)

15 (105 ILCS 5/21-16) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-16)

16 Sec. 21-16. Fees - Requirement for registration.

17 (a) (Blank). ~~Until February 15, 2000, every applicant when~~
18 ~~issued a certificate shall pay to the regional superintendent~~
19 ~~of schools a fee of \$1, which shall be paid into the institute~~
20 ~~fund. Every certificate issued under the provisions of this Act~~
21 ~~shall be registered annually or, at the option of the holder of~~
22 ~~the certificate, once every 3 years. The regional~~
23 ~~superintendent of schools having supervision and control over~~
24 ~~the school where the teaching is done shall register the~~
25 ~~certificate before the holder begins to teach, otherwise it~~

1 ~~shall be registered in any county in the State of Illinois; and~~
2 ~~one fee of \$4 per year for registration or renewal of one or~~
3 ~~more certificates which have been issued to the same holder~~
4 ~~shall be paid into the institute fund.~~

5 ~~Until February 15, 2000, requirements for registration of~~
6 ~~any certificate limited in time shall include evidence of~~
7 ~~professional growth defined as successful teaching experience~~
8 ~~since last registration of certificate, attendance at~~
9 ~~professional meetings, membership in professional~~
10 ~~organizations, additional credits earned in recognized~~
11 ~~teacher training institutions, travel specifically for~~
12 ~~educational experience, reading of professional books and~~
13 ~~periodicals, filing all reports as required by the regional~~
14 ~~superintendent of schools and the State Superintendent of~~
15 ~~Education or such other professional experience or combination~~
16 ~~of experiences as are presented by the teacher and are approved~~
17 ~~by the State Superintendent of Education in consultation with~~
18 ~~the State Teacher Certification Board. A duplicate certificate~~
19 ~~may be issued to the holder of a valid life certificate or~~
20 ~~valid certificate limited in time by the State Superintendent~~
21 ~~of Education; however, it shall only be issued upon request of~~
22 ~~a regional superintendent of schools and upon payment to the~~
23 ~~regional superintendent of schools who requests such duplicate~~
24 ~~a fee of \$4.~~

25 (b) Until December 31, 2011 ~~Beginning February 15, 2000,~~
26 all persons who are issued Standard Teaching Certificates

1 pursuant to clause (ii) of paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of
2 Section 21-2 and all persons who renew Standard Teaching
3 Certificates shall pay a \$25 fee for registration of all
4 certificates held. All persons who are issued Standard Teaching
5 Certificates under clause (i) of paragraph (1) of subsection
6 (c) of Section 21-2 and all other applicants for Standard
7 Teaching Certificates shall pay an original application fee,
8 pursuant to Section 21-12, and a \$25 fee for registration of
9 all certificates held. These certificates shall be registered
10 and the registration fee paid once every 5 years. Standard
11 Teaching Certificate applicants and holders shall not be
12 required to pay any other registration fees for issuance or
13 renewal of their certificates, except as provided in Section
14 21-17 of this Code. Beginning February 15, 2000, Master
15 Teaching Certificates shall be issued and renewed upon payment
16 by the applicant or certificate holder of a \$50 fee for
17 registration of all certificates held. These certificates
18 shall be registered and the fee paid once every 10 years.
19 Master Teaching Certificate applicants and holders shall not be
20 required to pay any other application or registration fees for
21 issuance or renewal of their certificates, except as provided
22 in Section 21-17 of this Code. All other certificates issued
23 under the provisions of this Code shall be registered for the
24 validity period of the certificate at the rate of \$5 per year
25 for the total number of years for which the certificate is
26 valid for registration of all certificates held, or for a

1 maximum of 5 years for life certificates. The regional
2 superintendent of schools having supervision and control over
3 the school where the teaching is done shall register the
4 certificate before the holder begins to teach, otherwise it
5 shall be registered in any county in the State of Illinois.
6 Each holder shall pay the appropriate registration fee to the
7 regional superintendent of schools. The regional
8 superintendent of schools shall deposit the registration fees
9 into the institute fund. Any certificate holder who teaches in
10 more than one educational service region shall register the
11 certificate or certificates in all regions where the teaching
12 is done, but shall be required to pay one registration fee for
13 all certificates held, ~~provided holders of certificates issued~~
14 ~~pursuant to Section 21-9 of this Code shall be required to pay~~
15 ~~one registration fee, in each educational service region in~~
16 ~~which his or her certificate or certificates are registered,~~
17 ~~for all certificates held.~~

18 A duplicate certificate may be issued to the holder of a
19 valid life certificate or valid certificate limited in time by
20 the State Superintendent of Education; however, it shall only
21 be issued upon request of a regional superintendent of schools
22 and upon payment to the regional superintendent of schools who
23 requests the duplicate a fee of \$4, which shall be deposited
24 into the institute fund.

25 (c) Beginning on January 1, 2012, all certificate holders
26 are required to pay a \$10 per year registration fee for the

1 course of the validity cycle to register the certificate, which
2 must be paid to the regional office of education having
3 supervision and control over the school in which the individual
4 holding the certificate is to be employed. If the individual
5 holding the certificate is not yet employed, then the
6 certificate may be registered in any county in this State. The
7 registration fee must be paid in its entirety the first time
8 the individual registers the certificate for a particular
9 validity period in a single region. No additional fee may be
10 charged for that validity period should the individual
11 subsequently register the certificate in additional regions.
12 Individuals must register the certificate (i) immediately
13 after initial issuance of the license and (ii) at the beginning
14 of each renewal cycle if the individual has satisfied the
15 renewal requirements required under this Code.

16 The regional superintendent of schools shall deposit the
17 registration fees paid pursuant to this subsection (c) into the
18 institute fund established pursuant to Section 3-11 of this
19 Code.

20 (d) The State Board of Education and each regional office
21 of education are authorized to charge a service or convenience
22 fee for the use of credit cards for the payment of
23 certification fees. This service or convenience fee may not
24 exceed the amount required by the credit card processing
25 company or vendor that has entered into a contract with the
26 State Board or regional office of education for this purpose,

1 and the fee must be paid to that company or vendor.

2 (e) This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

3 (Source: P.A. 92-796, eff. 8-10-02; 93-679, eff. 6-30-04.)

4 (105 ILCS 5/21-22) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-22)

5 Sec. 21-22. Expiration of first year. The first year of all
6 certificates ends on June 30 following one full year of the
7 certificate being issued ~~shall expire on June 30 following the~~
8 ~~date of issue.~~

9 This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

10 (Source: Laws 1961, p. 31.)

11 (105 ILCS 5/21-25) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-25)

12 Sec. 21-25. School service personnel certificate.

13 (a) For purposes of this Section, "school service
14 personnel" means persons employed and performing appropriate
15 services in an Illinois public or State-operated elementary
16 school, secondary school, or cooperative or joint agreement
17 with a governing body or board of control or a charter school
18 operating in compliance with the Charter Schools Law in a
19 position requiring a school service personnel certificate.

20 Subject to the provisions of Section 21-1a, a school
21 service personnel certificate shall be issued to those
22 applicants of good character, good health, a citizen of the
23 United States and at least 19 years of age who have a
24 Bachelor's degree with not fewer than 120 semester hours from a

1 regionally accredited institution of higher learning and who
2 meets the requirements established by the State Superintendent
3 of Education in consultation with the State Teacher
4 Certification Board. A school service personnel certificate
5 with a school nurse endorsement may be issued to a person who
6 holds a bachelor of science degree from an institution of
7 higher learning accredited by the North Central Association or
8 other comparable regional accrediting association. Persons
9 seeking any other endorsement on the school service personnel
10 certificate shall be recommended for the endorsement by a
11 recognized teacher education institution as having completed a
12 program of preparation approved by the State Superintendent of
13 Education in consultation with the State Teacher Certification
14 Board.

15 (b) Until August 30, 2002, a school service personnel
16 certificate endorsed for school social work may be issued to a
17 student who has completed a school social work program that has
18 not been approved by the State Superintendent of Education,
19 provided that each of the following conditions is met:

20 (1) The program was offered by a recognized, public
21 teacher education institution that first enrolled students
22 in its master's degree program in social work in 1998;

23 (2) The student applying for the school service
24 personnel certificate was enrolled in the institution's
25 master's degree program in social work on or after May 11,
26 1998;

1 (3) The State Superintendent verifies that the student
2 has completed coursework that is substantially similar to
3 that required in approved school social work programs,
4 including (i) not fewer than 600 clock hours of a
5 supervised internship in a school setting or (ii) if the
6 student has completed part of a supervised internship in a
7 school setting prior to the effective date of this
8 amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly and receives
9 the prior approval of the State Superintendent, not fewer
10 than 300 additional clock hours of supervised work in a
11 public school setting under the supervision of a certified
12 school social worker who certifies that the supervised work
13 was completed in a satisfactory manner; and

14 (4) The student has passed a test of basic skills and
15 the test of subject matter knowledge required by Section
16 21-1a.

17 This subsection (b) does not apply after August 29, 2002.

18 (c) A school service personnel certificate shall be
19 endorsed with the area of Service as determined by the State
20 Superintendent of Education in consultation with the State
21 Teacher Certification Board.

22 The holder of such certificate shall be entitled to all of
23 the rights and privileges granted holders of a valid teaching
24 certificate, including teacher benefits, compensation and
25 working conditions.

26 When the holder of such certificate has earned a master's

1 degree, including 8 semester hours of graduate professional
2 education from a recognized institution of higher learning, and
3 has at least 2 years of successful school experience while
4 holding such certificate, the certificate may be endorsed for
5 supervision.

6 (d) Persons who have successfully achieved National Board
7 certification through the National Board for Professional
8 Teaching Standards shall be issued a Master School Service
9 Personnel Certificate, valid for 10 years and renewable
10 thereafter every 10 years through compliance with requirements
11 set forth by the State Board of Education, in consultation with
12 the State Teacher Certification Board. However, each holder of
13 a Master School Service Personnel Certificate shall be eligible
14 for a corresponding position in this State in the areas for
15 which he or she holds a Master Certificate without satisfying
16 any other requirements of this Code, except for those
17 requirements pertaining to criminal background checks.

18 (e) School service personnel certificates are renewable
19 every 5 years and may be renewed as provided in this Section.
20 Requests for renewals must be submitted, in a format prescribed
21 by the State Board of Education, to the regional office of
22 education responsible for the school where the holder is
23 employed.

24 Upon completion of at least 80 hours of continuing
25 professional development as provided in this subsection (e), a
26 person who holds a valid school service personnel certificate

1 shall have his or her certificate renewed for a period of 5
2 years. A person who (i) holds an active license issued by the
3 State as a clinical professional counselor, a professional
4 counselor, a clinical social worker, a social worker, or a
5 speech-language pathologist; (ii) holds national certification
6 as a Nationally Certified School Psychologist from the National
7 School Psychology Certification Board; (iii) is nationally
8 certified as a National Certified School Nurse from the
9 National Board for Certification of School Nurses; (iv) is
10 nationally certified as a National Certified Counselor or
11 National Certified School Counselor from the National Board for
12 Certified Counselors; or (v) holds a Certificate of Clinical
13 Competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing
14 Association shall be deemed to have satisfied the continuing
15 professional development requirements established by the State
16 Board of Education and the State Teacher Certification Board to
17 renew a school service personnel certificate.

18 School service personnel certificates may be renewed by the
19 State Teacher Certification Board based upon proof of
20 continuing professional development. The State Board of
21 Education shall (i) establish a procedure for renewing school
22 service personnel certificates, which shall include without
23 limitation annual timelines for the renewal process and the
24 components set forth in this Section; (ii) approve or
25 disapprove the providers of continuing professional
26 development activities; and (iii) provide, on a timely basis to

1 all school service personnel certificate holders, regional
2 superintendents of schools, school districts, and others with
3 an interest in continuing professional development,
4 information about the standards and requirements established
5 pursuant to this subsection (e).

6 Any school service personnel certificate held by an
7 individual employed and performing services in an Illinois
8 public or State-operated elementary school, secondary school,
9 or cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or
10 board of control in a certificated school service personnel
11 position or in a charter school in compliance with the Charter
12 Schools Law must be maintained Valid and Active through
13 certificate renewal activities specified in the certificate
14 renewal procedure established pursuant to this Section,
15 provided that a holder of a Valid and Active certificate who is
16 only employed on either a part-time basis or day-to-day basis
17 as a substitute shall pay only the required registration fee to
18 renew his or her certificate and maintain it as Valid and
19 Active. All other school service personnel certificates held
20 may be maintained as Valid and Exempt through the registration
21 process provided for in the certificate renewal procedure
22 established pursuant to Section 21-14 of this Code. A Valid and
23 Exempt certificate must be immediately activated, through
24 procedures developed by the State Board of Education upon the
25 certificate holder becoming employed and performing services
26 in an Illinois public or State-operated elementary school,

1 secondary school, or cooperative or joint agreement with a
2 governing body or board of control in a certificated school
3 service personnel position or in a charter school operating in
4 compliance with the Charter Schools Law. A holder of a Valid
5 and Exempt certificate may activate his or her certificate
6 through procedures provided for in the certificate renewal
7 procedure established pursuant to this Section.

8 A school service personnel certificate that has been
9 maintained as Valid and Active for the 5 years of the
10 certificate's validity shall be renewed as Valid and Active
11 upon the certificate holder (i) completing the National Board
12 for Professional Teaching Standards process in an area of
13 concentration comparable to the holder's school service
14 personnel certificate of endorsement or (ii) earning 80
15 continuing professional development units as described in this
16 Section. If, however, the certificate holder has maintained the
17 certificate as Valid and Exempt for a portion of the 5-year
18 period of validity, the number of continuing professional
19 development units needed to renew the certificate as Valid and
20 Active must be proportionately reduced by the amount of time
21 the certificate was Valid and Exempt. If a certificate holder
22 is employed and performs services requiring the holder's school
23 service personnel certificate on a part-time basis for all or a
24 portion of the certificate's 5-year period of validity, the
25 number of continuing professional development units needed to
26 renew the certificate as Valid and Active shall be reduced by

1 50% for the amount of time the certificate holder has been
2 employed and performing such services on a part-time basis.
3 "Part-time" means less than 50% of the school day or school
4 term.

5 Beginning July 1, 2008, in order to satisfy the
6 requirements for continuing professional development provided
7 for in this Section, each Valid and Active school service
8 personnel certificate holder shall complete professional
9 development activities that address the certificate or those
10 certificates that are required of his or her certificated
11 position, if the certificate holder is employed and performing
12 services in an Illinois public or State operated elementary
13 school, secondary school, or cooperative or joint agreement
14 with a governing body or board of control, or that certificate
15 or those certificates most closely related to his or her
16 teaching position, if the certificate holder is employed in a
17 charter school. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection
18 (e), the certificate holder's activities must address and must
19 reflect the following continuing professional development
20 purposes:

21 (1) Advance both the certificate holder's knowledge
22 and skills consistent with the Illinois Standards for the
23 service area in which the certificate is endorsed in order
24 to keep the certificate holder current in that area.

25 (2) Develop the certificate holder's knowledge and
26 skills in areas determined by the State Board of Education

1 to be critical for all school service personnel.

2 (3) Address the knowledge, skills, and goals of the
3 certificate holder's local school improvement plan, if the
4 certificate holder is employed in an Illinois public or
5 State-operated elementary school, secondary school, or
6 cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or
7 board of control.

8 (4) Address the needs of serving students with
9 disabilities, including adapting and modifying clinical or
10 professional practices to meet the needs of students with
11 disabilities and serving such students in the least
12 restrictive environment.

13 The coursework or continuing professional development
14 units ("CPDU") required under this subsection (e) must total 80
15 CPDUs or the equivalent and must address 3 of the 4 purposes
16 described in items (1) through (4) of this subsection (e).
17 Holders of school service personnel certificates may fulfill
18 this obligation with any combination of semester hours or CPDUs
19 as follows:

20 (A) Collaboration and partnership activities related
21 to improving the school service personnel certificate
22 holder's knowledge and skills, including (i) participating
23 on collaborative planning and professional improvement
24 teams and committees; (ii) peer review and coaching; (iii)
25 mentoring in a formal mentoring program, including service
26 as a consulting teacher participating in a remediation

1 process formulated under Section 24A-5 of this Code; (iv)
2 participating in site-based management or decision-making
3 teams, relevant committees, boards, or task forces
4 directly related to school improvement plans; (v)
5 coordinating community resources in schools, if the
6 project is a specific goal of the school improvement plan;
7 (vi) facilitating parent education programs for a school,
8 school district, or regional office of education directly
9 related to student achievement or school improvement
10 plans; (vii) participating in business, school, or
11 community partnerships directly related to student
12 achievement or school improvement plans; or (viii)
13 supervising a student teacher (student services personnel)
14 or teacher education candidate in clinical supervision,
15 provided that the supervision may be counted only once
16 during the course of 5 years.

17 (B) Coursework from a regionally accredited
18 institution of higher learning related to one of the
19 purposes listed in items (1) through (4) of this subsection
20 (e), which shall apply at the rate of 15 continuing
21 professional development units per semester hour of credit
22 earned during the previous 5-year period when the status of
23 the holder's school service personnel certificate was
24 Valid and Active. Proportionate reductions shall apply
25 when the holder's status was Valid and Active for less than
26 the 5-year period preceding the renewal.

1 (C) Teaching college or university courses in areas
2 relevant to the certificate area being renewed, provided
3 that the teaching may be counted only once during the
4 course of 5 years.

5 (D) Conferences, workshops, institutes, seminars, or
6 symposiums designed to improve the certificate holder's
7 knowledge and skills in the service area and applicable to
8 the purposes listed in items (1) through (4) of this
9 subsection (e). One CPDU shall be awarded for each hour of
10 attendance. No one shall receive credit for conferences,
11 workshops, institutes, seminars, or symposiums that are
12 designed for entertainment, promotional, or commercial
13 purposes or that are solely inspirational or motivational.
14 The State Superintendent of Education and regional
15 superintendents of schools are authorized to review the
16 activities and events provided or to be provided under this
17 subdivision (D) and to investigate complaints regarding
18 those activities and events. Either the State
19 Superintendent of Education or a regional superintendent
20 of schools may recommend that the State Board of Education
21 disapprove those activities and events considered to be
22 inconsistent with this subdivision (D).

23 (E) Completing non-university credit directly related
24 to student achievement, school improvement plans, or State
25 priorities.

26 (F) Participating in or presenting at workshops,

1 seminars, conferences, institutes, or symposiums.

2 (G) Training as external reviewers for quality
3 assurance.

4 (H) Training as reviewers of university teacher
5 preparation programs.

6 (I) Other educational experiences related to improving
7 the school service personnel's knowledge and skills as a
8 teacher, including (i) participating in action research
9 and inquiry projects; (ii) traveling related to one's
10 assignment and directly related to school service
11 personnel achievement or school improvement plans and
12 approved by the regional superintendent of schools or his
13 or her designee at least 30 days prior to the travel
14 experience, provided that the traveling shall not include
15 time spent commuting to destinations where the learning
16 experience will occur; (iii) participating in study groups
17 related to student achievement or school improvement
18 plans; (iv) serving on a statewide education-related
19 committee, including without limitation the State Teacher
20 Certification Board, State Board of Education strategic
21 agenda teams, or the State Advisory Council on Education of
22 Children with Disabilities; (v) participating in
23 work/learn programs or internships; or (vi) developing a
24 portfolio of student and teacher work.

25 (J) Professional leadership experiences related to
26 improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher,

1 including (i) participating in curriculum development or
2 assessment activities at the school, school district,
3 regional office of education, State, or national level;
4 (ii) participating in team or department leadership in a
5 school or school district; (iii) participating on external
6 or internal school or school district review teams; (iv)
7 publishing educational articles, columns, or books
8 relevant to the certificate area being renewed; or (v)
9 participating in non-strike-related professional
10 association or labor organization service or activities
11 related to professional development.

12 (f) This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

13 (Source: P.A. 94-105, eff. 7-1-05; 95-592, eff. 7-1-08.)

14 (105 ILCS 5/21-27)

15 Sec. 21-27. The Illinois Teaching Excellence Program.

16 (a) The Illinois Teaching Excellence Program is hereby
17 established. As used in this Section:

18 "Poverty or low-performing school" means a school in
19 academic early warning status or academic watch status or a
20 school in which 50% or more of its students are eligible for
21 free or reduced-price school lunches.

22 "Qualified educator" means a teacher or school counselor
23 currently employed in a school district who is in the process
24 of obtaining certification through the National Board for
25 Professional Teaching Standards or who has completed

1 certification and holds a Master Certificate or a retired
2 teacher or school counselor who holds a Master Certificate.

3 (b) Beginning on July 1, 2011, any funds appropriated for
4 the Illinois Teaching Excellence Program must be used to
5 provide monetary assistance and incentives for qualified
6 educators who are employed by school districts and who have or
7 are in the process of obtaining licensure through the National
8 Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The goal of the
9 program is to improve instruction and student performance.

10 The State Board of Education shall allocate an amount as
11 annually appropriated by the General Assembly for the Illinois
12 Teaching Excellence Program for (i) application fees for each
13 qualified educator seeking to complete certification through
14 the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, to be
15 paid directly to the National Board for Professional Teaching
16 Standards, and (ii) incentives for each qualified educator to
17 be distributed to the respective school district. The school
18 district shall distribute this payment to each eligible teacher
19 or school counselor as a single payment.

20 The State Board of Education's annual budget must set out
21 by separate line item the appropriation for the program. Unless
22 otherwise provided by appropriation, qualified educators are
23 eligible for monetary assistance and incentives based on the
24 priorities outlined in subsection (c) of this Section.

25 (c) When there are adequate funds available, priorities
26 (1), (2), (3), (4), and (5), as outlined in this subsection

1 (c), must be funded. If full funding to meet all priorities as
2 outlined in this subsection (c) is not available, funding must
3 be distributed in the order of the priorities listed in this
4 subsection (c). If funding is insufficient to fund a priority
5 in full, then funding for that priority must be prorated and no
6 further priorities shall be funded.

7 Priorities for monetary assistance and incentives shall be
8 as follows:

9 (1) Priority 1: A maximum of \$2,000 towards the
10 application fee for up to 750 teachers or school counselors
11 in a poverty or low-performing school who apply on a
12 first-come, first-serve basis for National Board
13 certification.

14 (2) Priority 2: A maximum of \$2,000 towards the
15 application fee for up to 250 teachers or school counselors
16 in a school other than a poverty or low-performing school
17 who apply on a first-come, first-serve basis for National
18 Board certification. However, if there were fewer than 750
19 individuals supported in priority (1), then the number
20 supported in priority (2) may be increased as such that the
21 combination of priority (1) and priority (2) shall equal
22 1,000 applicants.

23 (3) Priority 3: The fee for the National Board for
24 Professional Teaching Standards' Take One! (the test for
25 National Board certification) for up to 500 qualified
26 educators who apply on a first-come, first-serve basis.

1 (4) Priority 4: An annual incentive equal to \$1,500,
2 which shall be paid to each qualified educator who holds
3 both a Master Certificate and a current corresponding
4 certificate issued by the National Board for Professional
5 Teaching Standards, who is employed in a school district,
6 and who agrees, in writing, to provide 30 hours of
7 mentoring or National Board for Professional Teaching
8 Standards professional development or both during the
9 school year to teachers or school counselors in a poverty
10 or low-performing school, as applicable.

11 (5) Priority 5: An annual incentive equal to \$1,500,
12 which shall be paid to each qualified educator currently
13 employed in a school district who holds both a Master
14 Certificate and a current corresponding certificate issued
15 by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
16 and who agrees, in writing, to provide at least 30 hours of
17 mentoring or National Board for Professional Teaching
18 Standards professional development or both during the
19 school year to classroom teachers or school counselors, as
20 applicable.

21 Mentoring for all priorities shall include, either singly
22 or in combination, mentoring of the following:

23 (A) National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
24 certification candidates.

25 (B) National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
26 re-take candidates.

1 (C) National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
2 renewal candidates.

3 (D) National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
4 Take One! participants.

5 (d) This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013. to provide
6 ~~categorical funding for monetary incentives and bonuses for~~
7 ~~teachers and school counselors who are employed by school~~
8 ~~districts and who hold a Master Certificate. The State Board of~~
9 ~~Education shall allocate and distribute to each school district~~
10 ~~an amount as annually appropriated by the General Assembly from~~
11 ~~federal funds for the Illinois Teaching Excellence Program. The~~
12 ~~State Board of Education's annual budget must set out by~~
13 ~~separate line item the appropriation for the program. Unless~~
14 ~~otherwise provided by appropriation, each school district's~~
15 ~~annual allocation shall be the sum of the amounts earned for~~
16 ~~the following incentives and bonuses:~~

17 ~~(1) An annual payment of \$3,000 to be paid to (A) each~~
18 ~~teacher who holds both a Master Certificate and a~~
19 ~~corresponding certificate issued by the National Board for~~
20 ~~Professional Teaching Standards and is employed as a~~
21 ~~teacher by a school district and (B) each school counselor~~
22 ~~who holds both a Master Certificate and a corresponding~~
23 ~~certificate issued by the National Board for Professional~~
24 ~~Teaching Standards and is employed as a school counselor by~~
25 ~~a school district. The school district shall distribute~~
26 ~~this payment to each eligible teacher or school counselor~~

1 ~~as a single payment or in not more than 3 payments.~~

2 ~~(2) An annual incentive equal to \$1,000 shall be paid~~
3 ~~to (A) each teacher or school counselor who holds a Master~~
4 ~~Certificate, who is employed as a teacher or school~~
5 ~~counselor by a school district, and who agrees, in writing,~~
6 ~~to provide at least 30 hours of mentoring during that year~~
7 ~~to classroom teachers or school counselors, as applicable,~~
8 ~~and (B) each retired teacher or school counselor who holds~~
9 ~~both a Master Certificate and a current corresponding~~
10 ~~certificate issued by the National Board for Professional~~
11 ~~Teaching Standards and who agrees, in writing, to provide~~
12 ~~at least 30 hours of mentoring during that year to~~
13 ~~classroom teachers or school counselors, as applicable. An~~
14 ~~additional annual incentive equal to \$1,000 shall be paid~~
15 ~~to (I) each teacher or school counselor who holds a Master~~
16 ~~Certificate, who is employed as a teacher or school~~
17 ~~counselor by a school district, and who agrees, in writing,~~
18 ~~to provide an additional 30 hours of mentoring during that~~
19 ~~year to classroom teachers or school counselors, as~~
20 ~~applicable, and (II) each retired teacher or school~~
21 ~~counselor who holds both a Master Certificate and a current~~
22 ~~corresponding certificate issued by the National Board for~~
23 ~~Professional Teaching Standards and who agrees, in~~
24 ~~writing, to provide an additional 30 hours of mentoring~~
25 ~~during that year to classroom teachers or school~~
26 ~~counselors, as applicable, for a total of 60 hours of~~

1 ~~mentoring and \$2,000 in incentives under this paragraph~~
2 ~~(2). Mentoring under this paragraph (2) may include, either~~
3 ~~singly or in combination, (i) providing high quality~~
4 ~~professional development for new and experienced teachers~~
5 ~~or school counselors, as applicable, and/or (ii) assisting~~
6 ~~National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS)~~
7 ~~candidates through the NBPTS certification process. The~~
8 ~~school district shall distribute each annual incentive~~
9 ~~payment upon completion of the 30 hours or 60 hours of~~
10 ~~required mentoring, whichever is applicable.~~

11 ~~(3) An annual incentive equal to \$2,000 shall be paid~~
12 ~~to (A) each teacher or school counselor who holds a Master~~
13 ~~Certificate, who is employed as a teacher or school~~
14 ~~counselor by a school district, and who agrees, in writing,~~
15 ~~to provide at least 30 hours of mentoring during that year~~
16 ~~to classroom teachers or school counselors, as applicable,~~
17 ~~in schools on academic early warning status or in schools~~
18 ~~in which 50% or more of the students receive free or~~
19 ~~reduced price lunches, or both, and (B) each retired~~
20 ~~teacher or school counselor who holds both a Master~~
21 ~~Certificate and a current corresponding certificate issued~~
22 ~~by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards~~
23 ~~and who agrees, in writing, to provide at least 30 hours of~~
24 ~~mentoring during that year to classroom teachers or school~~
25 ~~counselors, as applicable, in schools on academic early~~
26 ~~warning status or in schools in which 50% or more of the~~

1 ~~students receive free or reduced price lunches, or both. An~~
2 ~~additional annual incentive equal to \$2,000 shall be paid~~
3 ~~to (I) each teacher or school counselor who holds a Master~~
4 ~~Certificate, who is employed as a teacher or school~~
5 ~~counselor by a school district, and who agrees, in writing,~~
6 ~~to provide an additional 30 hours of mentoring during that~~
7 ~~year to classroom teachers or school counselors, as~~
8 ~~applicable, in schools on academic early warning status or~~
9 ~~in schools in which 50% or more of the students receive~~
10 ~~free or reduced price lunches, or both, and (II) each~~
11 ~~retired teacher or school counselor who holds both a Master~~
12 ~~Certificate and a current corresponding certificate issued~~
13 ~~by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards~~
14 ~~and who agrees, in writing, to provide an additional 30~~
15 ~~hours of mentoring during that year to classroom teachers~~
16 ~~or school counselors, as applicable, in schools on academic~~
17 ~~early warning status or in schools in which 50% or more of~~
18 ~~the students receive free or reduced price lunches, or~~
19 ~~both, for a total of 60 hours of mentoring and \$4,000 in~~
20 ~~incentives under this paragraph (3). Mentoring under this~~
21 ~~paragraph (3) may include, either singly or in combination,~~
22 ~~(i) providing high quality professional development for~~
23 ~~new and experienced teachers or school counselors, as~~
24 ~~applicable, in schools on academic early warning status or~~
25 ~~in schools in which 50% or more of the students receive~~
26 ~~free or reduced price lunches, or both, and/or (ii)~~

1 ~~assisting National Board for Professional Teaching~~
2 ~~Standards (NBPTS) candidates through the NBPTS~~
3 ~~certification process in schools on academic early warning~~
4 ~~status or in schools in which 50% or more of the students~~
5 ~~receive free or reduced price lunches, or both. The school~~
6 ~~district shall distribute each annual incentive payment~~
7 ~~upon completion of the 30 hours or 60 hours of required~~
8 ~~mentoring, whichever is applicable.~~

9 ~~(4) If funds are available under the Illinois Teaching~~
10 ~~Excellence Program in a given fiscal year, the following~~
11 ~~Master Certificate incentives shall be provided:~~

12 ~~(A) As a first priority, monetary support of up to~~
13 ~~\$2,000 per person shall be provided for first-time~~
14 ~~application fees.~~

15 ~~(B) As a second priority, monetary support for~~
16 ~~NBPTS's Take One! process of up to \$395 per person~~
17 ~~shall be provided for cohorts of teachers in schools on~~
18 ~~academic early warning status or schools deemed to be a~~
19 ~~priority by the State Board of Education.~~

20 ~~(C) As a third priority, monetary support of up to~~
21 ~~\$350 per retake shall be provided for up to 3 retakes.~~

22 ~~(D) As a fourth priority, monetary support of up to~~
23 ~~\$850 per person shall be provided for renewals for~~
24 ~~those persons who have not received prior State or~~
25 ~~federal fee support.~~

26 ~~(b) Each regional superintendent of schools shall provide~~

1 ~~information about National Board certification administered by~~
2 ~~the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS)~~
3 ~~and this Section to each individual seeking to register or~~
4 ~~renew a certificate under Section 21-14 of this Code.~~

5 ~~(c) After the incentives and bonuses under subsection (a)~~
6 ~~of this Section have been expended in a given fiscal year, if~~
7 ~~there are additional funds available under the Illinois~~
8 ~~Teaching Excellence Program, up to \$250,000 must be used for~~
9 ~~the continuation of an appropriate electronic system to process~~
10 ~~Master Certificates and various payments.~~

11 ~~(d) After funds have been expended under priorities (A)~~
12 ~~through (D) of paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of this Section~~
13 ~~in a given fiscal year and if there are any additional funds~~
14 ~~available under the Illinois Teaching Excellence Program,~~
15 ~~remaining funds must be spent on candidate support and~~
16 ~~recruitment.~~

17 (Source: P.A. 94-105, eff. 7-1-05; 94-901, eff. 6-22-06;
18 95-996, eff. 10-3-08.)

19 (105 ILCS 5/Art. 21B heading new)

20 ARTICLE 21B. EDUCATOR LICENSURE

21 (105 ILCS 5/21B-5 new)

22 Sec. 21B-5. Licensure powers of the State Board of
23 Education.

24 (a) Recognizing that the education of our citizens is the

1 single most important influence on the prosperity and success
2 of this State and recognizing that new developments in
3 education require a flexible approach to our educational
4 system, the State Board of Education, in consultation with the
5 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall have the
6 power and authority to do all of the following:

7 (1) Set standards for teaching, supervising, or
8 otherwise holding licensed employment in the public
9 schools of this State and administer the licensure process
10 as provided in this Article.

11 (2) Approve, evaluate, and sanction educator
12 preparation programs.

13 (3) Enter into agreements with other states relative to
14 reciprocal approval of educator preparation programs.

15 (4) Establish standards for the issuance of new types
16 of educator licenses.

17 (5) Establish a code of ethics for all educators.

18 (6) Maintain a system of licensure examination aligned
19 with standards determined by the State Board of Education.

20 (7) Take such other action relating to the improvement
21 of instruction in the public schools as is appropriate and
22 consistent with applicable laws.

23 (b) Only the State Superintendent of Education, acting in
24 accordance with the applicable provisions of this Article and
25 rules, shall have the authority to issue or endorse any license
26 required for teaching, supervising, or otherwise holding

1 licensed employment in the public schools; and no other State
2 agency shall have any power or authority (i) to establish or
3 prescribe any qualifications or other requirements applicable
4 to the issuance or endorsement of any such license or (ii) to
5 establish or prescribe any licensure or equivalent requirement
6 that must be satisfied in order to teach, supervise, or hold
7 licensed employment in the public schools.

8 (105 ILCS 5/21B-10 new)

9 Sec. 21B-10. State Educator Preparation and Licensure
10 Board.

11 (a) The State Teacher Certification Board, which had been
12 established under Section 21-13 of the School Code prior to
13 this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly, shall be
14 renamed the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.
15 References in law to the State Teacher Certification Board
16 shall mean the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.
17 The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board shall
18 consist of the State Superintendent of Education or a
19 representative appointed by him or her, who shall be ex-officio
20 chairperson, 5 administrative or faculty members of public or
21 private colleges or universities located in this State, 3
22 administrators and 10 classroom teachers employed in the public
23 schools (5 of whom must be members of and nominated by a
24 statewide professional teachers' organization and 5 of whom
25 must be members of and nominated by a different statewide

1 professional teachers' organization), and one regional
2 superintendent of schools, all of whom shall be appointed by
3 the State Board of Education; provided that at least one of the
4 administrators and at least 3 of the classroom teachers so
5 appointed must be employees of a school district that is
6 subject to the provisions of Article 34 of this Code. A
7 statewide professional teachers' organization and a different
8 statewide professional teachers' organization shall submit to
9 the State Board of Education for consideration at least 3 names
10 of accomplished teachers for every one vacancy or expiring term
11 in a classroom teacher position. The nominations submitted to
12 the State Board of Education under this Section to fill a
13 vacancy or an expiring term shall be advisory. Nomination for
14 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board members must be
15 submitted to the State Board of Education within 30 days after
16 the vacancy or vacancies occur. Nominations to fill an expiring
17 term must be submitted to the State Board of Education at least
18 30 days before the expiration of that term. Notwithstanding any
19 other provisions of this Section, if a sufficient number of
20 nominations are not received by the State Board of Education
21 for a vacancy or expiring term within the 30-day period, then
22 the State Board of Education may appoint any qualified person,
23 in the same manner as the original appointment, to fill the
24 vacancy or expiring term. The regular term of each member is 3
25 years, and an individual may be appointed for no more than 2
26 consecutive terms. The term of an appointed member of the State

1 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board shall expire on June
2 30 of his or her final year.

3 (b) The State Board of Education shall appoint a secretary
4 of the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

5 (c) The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board
6 shall hold regular meetings at least quarterly and such other
7 special meetings as may be necessary.

8 (d) The necessary expenses of the State Educator
9 Preparation and Licensure Board shall be provided through the
10 State Board of Education. The State Board of Education, in
11 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
12 Board, may adopt such rules as may be necessary for the
13 administration of this Article.

14 (e) Individuals serving on the State Teacher Certification
15 Board on June 30, 2011 under Section 21-13 of this Code shall
16 continue to serve on the State Educator Preparation and
17 Licensure Board until the scheduled expiration of their
18 respective terms.

19 (105 ILCS 5/21B-15 new)

20 Sec. 21B-15. Qualifications of educators.

21 (a) No one may be licensed to teach or supervise or be
22 otherwise employed in the public schools of this State who is
23 not of good character and at least 20 years of age.

24 In determining good character under this Section, the State
25 Superintendent of Education shall take into consideration the

1 disciplinary actions of other states or national entities
2 against certificates or licenses issued by those states and
3 held by individuals from those states. In addition, any felony
4 conviction of the applicant may be taken into consideration;
5 however, no one may be licensed to teach or supervise in the
6 public schools of this State who has been convicted of an
7 offense set forth in Section 21B-80 of this Code. Unless the
8 conviction is for an offense set forth in Section 21B-80 of
9 this Code, an applicant must be permitted to submit character
10 references or other written material before such a conviction
11 or other information regarding the applicant's character may be
12 used by the State Superintendent of Education as a basis for
13 denying the application.

14 (b) No person otherwise qualified shall be denied the right
15 to be licensed or to receive training for the purpose of
16 becoming an educator because of a physical disability,
17 including, but not limited to, visual and hearing disabilities;
18 nor shall any school district refuse to employ a teacher on
19 such grounds, provided that the person is able to carry out the
20 duties of the position for which he or she applies.

21 (c) No person may be granted or continue to hold an
22 educator license who has knowingly altered or misrepresented
23 his or her qualifications, in this State or any other state, in
24 order to acquire or renew the license. Any other license issued
25 under this Article held by the person may be suspended or
26 revoked by the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board,

1 depending upon the severity of the alteration or
2 misrepresentation.

3 (d) No one may teach or supervise in the public schools nor
4 receive for teaching or supervising any part of any public
5 school fund who does not hold an educator license granted by
6 the State Superintendent of Education as provided in this
7 Article. However, the provisions of this Article do not apply
8 to a member of the armed forces who is employed as a teacher of
9 subjects in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps of any school,
10 nor to an individual teaching a dual credit course as provided
11 for in the Dual Credit Quality Act.

12 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, the
13 school board of a school district may grant to a teacher of the
14 district a leave of absence with full pay for a period of not
15 more than one year to permit the teacher to teach in a foreign
16 state under the provisions of the Exchange Teacher Program
17 established under Public Law 584, 79th Congress, and Public Law
18 402, 80th Congress, as amended. The school board granting the
19 leave of absence may employ, with or without pay, a national of
20 the foreign state wherein the teacher on the leave of absence
21 is to teach if the national is qualified to teach in that
22 foreign state and if that national is to teach in a grade level
23 similar to the one that was taught in the foreign state. The
24 State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
25 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt rules as
26 may be necessary to implement this subsection (e).

1 (105 ILCS 5/21B-20 new)

2 Sec. 21B-20. Types of licenses. Before July 1, 2013, the
3 State Board of Education shall implement a system of educator
4 licensure, whereby individuals employed in school districts
5 who are required to be licensed must have one of the following
6 licenses: (i) a professional educator license; (ii) a
7 professional educator license with stipulations; or (iii) a
8 substitute teaching license. References in law regarding
9 individuals certified or certificated or required to be
10 certified or certificated under Article 21 of this Code shall
11 also include individuals licensed or required to be licensed
12 under this Article. The first year of all licenses ends on June
13 30 following one full year of the license being issued.

14 The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
15 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt such
16 rules as may be necessary to govern the requirements for
17 licenses and endorsements under this Section.

18 (1) Professional Educator License. Persons who (i)
19 have successfully completed an approved educator
20 preparation program and are recommended for licensure by
21 the Illinois institution offering the educator preparation
22 program, (ii) have successfully completed the required
23 testing under Section 21B-30 of this Code, (iii) have
24 successfully completed coursework in methods of reading
25 and reading in the content area, and (iv) have met all

1 other criteria established by rule of the State Board of
2 Education shall be issued a Professional Educator License.
3 All Professional Educator Licenses are valid until June 30
4 immediately following 5 years of the license being issued.
5 The Professional Educator License shall be endorsed with
6 specific areas and grade levels in which the individual is
7 eligible to practice.

8 Individuals can receive subsequent endorsements on the
9 Professional Educator License. Subsequent endorsements
10 shall require a minimum of 24 semester hours of coursework
11 in the endorsement area, unless otherwise specified by
12 rule, and passage of the applicable content area test.

13 (2) Educator License with Stipulations. An Educator
14 License with Stipulations shall be issued an endorsement
15 that (i) is non-renewable, (ii) limits the license holder
16 to one particular position, or (iii) does not require
17 completion of an approved educator program or any
18 combination of items (i) through (iii) of this paragraph
19 (2).

20 An individual with an Educator License with
21 Stipulations must not be employed by a school district or
22 any other entity to replace any presently employed teacher
23 who otherwise would not be replaced for any reason.

24 An Educator License with Stipulations may be issued
25 with the following endorsements:

26 (A) Provisional educator. A provisional educator

1 endorsement in a specific content area or areas on an
2 Educator License with Stipulations may be issued to an
3 applicant who holds an educator license with a minimum
4 of 15 semester hours in content coursework from another
5 state, U.S. territory, or foreign country and who, at
6 the time of applying for an Illinois license, does not
7 meet the minimum requirements under Section 21B-35 of
8 this Code, but does, at a minimum, meet both of the
9 following requirements:

10 (i) Holds the equivalent of a minimum of a
11 bachelor's degree, unless a master's degree is
12 required for the endorsement, from a regionally
13 accredited college or university or, for
14 individuals educated in a country other than the
15 United States, the equivalent of a minimum of a
16 bachelor's degree issued in the United States,
17 unless a master's degree is required for the
18 endorsement.

19 (ii) Has passed a test of basic skills and
20 content area test, as required by Section 21B-30 of
21 this Code.

22 However, a provisional educator endorsement for principals
23 may not be issued, nor may any person with a provisional
24 educator endorsement serve as a principal in a public
25 school in this State. In addition, out-of-state applicants
26 shall not receive a provisional educator endorsement if the

1 person completed an alternative licensure program in
2 another state, unless the program has been determined to be
3 equivalent to Illinois program requirements.

4 A provisional educator endorsement is valid until June
5 30 immediately following 2 years of the license being
6 issued, during which time any remaining testing and
7 coursework deficiencies must be met. Failure to satisfy all
8 stated deficiencies shall mean the individual is
9 ineligible to receive a Professional Educator License at
10 that time. A provisional educator endorsement on an
11 Educator License with Stipulations shall not be renewed.

12 (B) Alternative provisional educator. An
13 alternative provisional educator endorsement on an
14 Educator License with Stipulations may be issued to an
15 applicant who, at the time of applying for the
16 endorsement, has done all of the following:

17 (i) Graduated from a regionally accredited
18 college or university with a minimum of a
19 bachelor's degree.

20 (ii) Successfully completed the first phase of
21 the Alternative Educator Licensure Program for
22 Teachers, as described in Section 21B-50 of this
23 Code.

24 (iii) Passed a test of basic skills and content
25 area test, as required under Section 21B-30 of this
26 Code.

1 The alternative provisional educator endorsement
2 is valid for 2 years of teaching and may be renewed for
3 a third year by an individual meeting the requirements
4 set forth in Section 21B-50 of this Code.

5 (C) Alternative provisional superintendent. An
6 alternative provisional superintendent endorsement on
7 an Educator License with Stipulations entitles the
8 holder to serve only as a superintendent or assistant
9 superintendent in a school district's central office.
10 This endorsement may only be issued to an applicant
11 who, at the time of applying for the endorsement, has
12 done all of the following:

13 (i) Graduated from a regionally accredited
14 college or university with a minimum of a master's
15 degree in a management field other than education.

16 (ii) Been employed for a period of at least 5
17 years in a management level position in a field
18 other than education.

19 (iii) Successfully completed the first phase
20 of an alternative route to superintendent
21 endorsement program, as provided in Section 21B-55
22 of this Code.

23 (iv) Passed a test of basic skills and content
24 area tests required under Section 21B-30 of this
25 Code.

26 The endorsement may be registered for 2 fiscal

1 years in order to complete one full year of serving as
2 a superintendent or assistant superintendent.

3 (D) Resident teacher endorsement. A resident
4 teacher endorsement on an Educator License with
5 Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who, at the
6 time of applying for the endorsement, has done all of
7 the following:

8 (i) Graduated from a regionally accredited
9 institution of higher education with a minimum of a
10 bachelor's degree.

11 (ii) Enrolled in an approved Illinois educator
12 preparation program.

13 (iii) Passed a test of basic skills and content
14 area test, as required under Section 21B-30 of this
15 Code.

16 The resident teacher endorsement on an Educator
17 License with Stipulations is valid for 4 years of
18 teaching and shall not be renewed.

19 A resident teacher may teach only under the
20 direction of a licensed teacher, who shall act as the
21 resident mentor teacher, and may not teach in place of
22 a licensed teacher. A resident teacher endorsement on
23 an Educator License with Stipulations shall no longer
24 be valid after June 30, 2017.

25 (E) Career and technical educator. A career and
26 technical educator endorsement on an Educator License

1 with Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who has
2 a minimum of 60 semester hours of coursework from a
3 regionally accredited institution of higher education,
4 has passed a test of basic skills required under
5 Section 21B-30 of this Code, and has a minimum of 2,000
6 hours of experience in the last 10 years outside of
7 education in each area to be taught.

8 The career and technical educator endorsement on
9 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until
10 June 30 immediately following 5 years of the
11 endorsement being issued.

12 (F) Provisional career and technical educator. A
13 Provisional career and technical educator endorsement
14 on an Educator License with Stipulations may be issued
15 to an applicant who has a minimum of 8,000 hours of
16 work experience in the skill for which the applicant is
17 seeking the endorsement. It is the responsibility of
18 each employing school board and regional office of
19 education to provide verification, in writing, to the
20 State Superintendent of Education at the time the
21 application is submitted that no qualified teacher
22 holding a Professional Educator License or an Educator
23 License with Stipulations with a career and technical
24 educator endorsement is available and that actual
25 circumstances require such issuance.

26 The provisional career and technical educator

1 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations
2 is valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of
3 the endorsement being issued and may be renewed only
4 one time for 5 years if the individual passes a test of
5 basic skills, as required under Section 21B-30 of this
6 Code, and has completed a minimum of 20 semester hours
7 from a regionally accredited institution.

8 (G) Transitional bilingual educator. A
9 transitional bilingual educator endorsement on an
10 Educator License with Stipulations may be issued for
11 the purpose of providing instruction in accordance
12 with Article 14C of this Code to an applicant who
13 provides satisfactory evidence that he or she meets all
14 of the following requirements:

15 (i) Possesses adequate speaking, reading, and
16 writing ability in the language other than English
17 in which transitional bilingual education is
18 offered.

19 (ii) Has the ability to successfully
20 communicate in English.

21 (iii) Either possessed, within 5 years
22 previous to his or her applying for a transitional
23 bilingual educator endorsement, a valid and
24 comparable teaching certificate or comparable
25 authorization issued by a foreign county or holds a
26 degree from an institution of higher learning in a

1 foreign country that the State Educator
2 Preparation and Licensure Board determines to be
3 the equivalent of a bachelor's degree from a
4 regionally accredited institution of higher
5 learning in the United States.

6 A transitional bilingual educator endorsement
7 shall be valid for prekindergarten through grade 12, is
8 valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of
9 the endorsement being issued, and shall not be renewed.

10 Persons holding a transitional bilingual educator
11 endorsement shall not be employed to replace any
12 presently employed teacher who otherwise would not be
13 replaced for any reason.

14 (H) Language endorsement. In an effort to
15 alleviate the shortage of teachers speaking a language
16 other than English in the public schools, an individual
17 who holds an Educator License with Stipulations may
18 also apply for a language endorsement, provided that
19 the applicant provides satisfactory evidence that he
20 or she meets all of the following requirements:

21 (i) Holds a transitional bilingual
22 endorsement.

23 (ii) Has demonstrated proficiency in the
24 language for which the endorsement is to be issued
25 by passing the applicable language content test
26 required by the State Board of Education.

1 (iii) Holds a bachelor's degree or higher from
2 a regionally accredited institution of higher
3 education or, for individuals educated in a
4 country other than the United States, holds a
5 degree from an institution of higher learning in a
6 foreign country that the State Educator
7 Preparation and Licensure Board determines to be
8 the equivalent of a bachelor's degree from a
9 regionally accredited institution of higher
10 learning in the United States.

11 (iv) Has passed a test of basic skills, as
12 required under Section 21B-30 of this Code.

13 A language endorsement on an Educator License with
14 Stipulations is valid for prekindergarten through
15 grade 12 for the same validity period as the
16 individual's transitional bilingual educator
17 endorsement on the Educator License with Stipulations
18 and shall not be renewed.

19 (I) Visiting international educator. A visiting
20 international educator endorsement on an Educator
21 License with Stipulations may be issued to an
22 individual who is being recruited by a particular
23 school district that conducts formal recruitment
24 programs outside of the United States to secure the
25 services of qualified teachers and who meets all of the
26 following requirements:

1 (i) Holds the equivalent of a minimum of a
2 bachelor's degree issued in the United States.

3 (ii) Has been prepared as a teacher at the
4 grade level for which he or she will be employed.

5 (iii) Has adequate content knowledge in the
6 subject to be taught.

7 (iv) Has an adequate command of the English
8 language.

9 A holder of a visiting international educator
10 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations
11 shall be permitted to teach in bilingual education
12 programs in the language that was the medium of
13 instruction in his or her teacher preparation program,
14 provided that he or she passes the English Language
15 Proficiency Examination or another test of writing
16 skills in English identified by the State Board of
17 Education, in consultation with the State Educator
18 Preparation and Licensure Board.

19 A visiting international educator endorsement on
20 an educator license with stipulations is valid for 3
21 years and shall not be renewed.

22 (J) Paraprofessional educator. A paraprofessional
23 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
24 Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who holds a
25 high school diploma or its recognized equivalent and
26 either holds an associate's degree or a minimum of 60

1 semester hours of credit from a regionally accredited
2 institution of higher education or has passed a test of
3 basic skills required under Section 21B-30 of this
4 Code. The paraprofessional educator endorsement is
5 valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of
6 the endorsement being issued and may be renewed through
7 application and payment of the appropriate fee, as
8 required under Section 21B-40 of this Code. An
9 individual who holds only a paraprofessional educator
10 endorsement is not subject to additional requirements
11 in order to renew the endorsement.

12 (3) Substitute Teaching License. A Substitute Teaching
13 License may be issued to qualified applicants for
14 substitute teaching in all grades of the public schools,
15 prekindergarten through grade 12. Substitute Teaching
16 Licenses are not eligible for endorsements. Applicants for
17 a Substitute Teaching License must hold a bachelor's degree
18 or higher from a regionally accredited institution of
19 higher education.

20 Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for 5 years and
21 may be renewed if the individual has passed a test of basic
22 skills, as authorized under Section 21B-30 of this Code. An
23 individual who has passed a test of basic skills for the
24 first licensure renewal is not required to retake the test
25 again for further renewals.

26 Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for substitute

1 teaching in every county of this State. If an individual
2 has had his or her Professional Educator License or
3 Educator License with Stipulations suspended or revoked or
4 has not met the renewal requirements for licensure, then
5 that individual is not eligible to obtain a Substitute
6 Teaching License.

7 A substitute teacher may only teach in the place of a
8 licensed teacher who is under contract with the employing
9 board. If, however, there is no licensed teacher under
10 contract because of an emergency situation, then a district
11 may employ a substitute teacher for no longer than 30
12 calendar days per each vacant position in the district if
13 the district notifies the appropriate regional office of
14 education within 5 business days after the employment of
15 the substitute teacher in the emergency situation. An
16 emergency situation is one in which an unforeseen vacancy
17 has occurred and (i) a teacher is unable to fulfill his or
18 her contractual duties or (ii) teacher capacity needs of
19 the district exceed previous indications, and the district
20 is actively engaged in advertising to hire a fully licensed
21 teacher for the vacant position.

22 There is no limit on the number of days that a
23 substitute teacher may teach in a single school district,
24 provided that no substitute teacher may teach for longer
25 than 90 school days for any one licensed teacher under
26 contract in the same school year. A substitute teacher who

1 holds a Professional Educator License or Educator License
2 with Stipulations shall not teach for more than 120 school
3 days for any one licensed teacher under contract in the
4 same school year. The limitations in this paragraph (3) on
5 the number of days a substitute teacher may be employed do
6 not apply to any school district operating under Article 34
7 of this Code.

8 (105 ILCS 5/21B-25 new)

9 Sec. 21B-25. Endorsement on licenses. All licenses issued
10 under paragraph (1) of Section 21B-20 of this Code shall be
11 specifically endorsed by the State Board of Education for each
12 content area, school support area, and administrative area for
13 which the holder of the license is qualified. Recognized
14 institutions approved to offer educator preparation programs
15 shall be trained to add endorsements to licenses issued to
16 applicants who meet all of the requirements for the endorsement
17 or endorsements, including passing any required tests. The
18 State Superintendent of Education shall randomly audit
19 institutions to ensure that all rules and standards are being
20 followed for entitlement or when endorsements are being
21 recommended.

22 (1) The State Board of Education, in consultation with
23 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall
24 establish, by rule, the grade level and subject area
25 endorsements to be added to the Professional Educator

1 License. These rules shall outline the requirements for
2 obtaining each endorsement.

3 (2) In addition to any and all grade level and content
4 area endorsements developed by rule, the State Board of
5 Education, in consultation with the State Educator
6 Preparation and Licensure Board, shall develop the
7 requirements for the following endorsements:

8 (A) General administrative endorsement. A general
9 administrative endorsement shall be added to a
10 Professional Educator License, provided that an
11 approved program has been completed. An individual
12 holding a general administrative endorsement may work
13 only as a principal or assistant principal or in a
14 related or similar position, as determined by the State
15 Superintendent of Education, in consultation with the
16 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

17 Beginning on September 1, 2014, the general
18 administrative endorsement shall no longer be issued.
19 Individuals who hold a valid and registered
20 administrative certificate with a general
21 administrative endorsement issued under Section 21-7.1
22 of this Code or a Professional Educator License with an
23 general administrative endorsement issued prior to
24 September 1, 2014 and who have served for at least one
25 full year during the 5 years prior in a position
26 requiring a general administrative endorsement shall,

1 upon request to the State Board of Education and
2 through July 1, 2015, have their respective general
3 administrative endorsement converted to a principal
4 endorsement on the Professional Educator License.
5 Candidates shall not be admitted to an approved general
6 administrative preparation program after September 1,
7 2012.

8 All other individuals holding a valid and
9 registered administrative certificate with a general
10 administrative endorsement issued pursuant to Section
11 21-7.1 of this Code or a general administrative
12 endorsement on a Professional Educator License issued
13 prior to September 1, 2014 shall have the general
14 administrative endorsement converted to a principal
15 endorsement on a Professional Educator License upon
16 request to the State Board of Education and by
17 completing one of the following pathways:

18 (i) Passage of the State principal assessment
19 developed by the State Board of Education.

20 (ii) Through July 1, 2019, completion of an
21 Illinois Educators' Academy course designated by
22 the State Superintendent of Education.

23 (iii) Completion of a principal preparation
24 program established and approved pursuant to Section
25 21B-60 of this Code and applicable rules.

26 Individuals who do not choose to convert the

1 general administrative endorsement on the
2 administrative certificate issued pursuant to Section
3 21-7.1 of this Code or on the Professional Educator
4 License shall continue to be able to serve in any
5 position previously allowed under paragraph (2) of
6 subsection (e) of Section 21-7.1 of this Code.

7 The general administrative endorsement on the
8 Professional Educator License is available only to
9 individuals who, prior to September 1, 2014, had such
10 an endorsement on the administrative certificate
11 issued pursuant to Section 21-7.1 of this Code or who
12 already have a Professional Educator License and have
13 completed a general administrative program and who do
14 not choose to convert the general administrative
15 endorsement to a principal endorsement pursuant to the
16 options in this Section.

17 (B) Principal endorsement. A principal endorsement
18 shall be affixed to a Professional Educator License of
19 any holder who qualifies by having all of the
20 following:

21 (i) Successful completion of a principal
22 preparation program approved in accordance with
23 Section 21B-60 of this Code and any applicable
24 rules.

25 (ii) Four years of teaching in a public school
26 or nonpublic school recognized by the State Board

1 of Education; however, the State Board of
2 Education, in consultation with the State Educator
3 Preparation and Licensure Board, shall allow, by
4 rules, for fewer than 4 years of experience based
5 on meeting standards set forth in such rules,
6 including without limitation a review of
7 performance evaluations or other evidence of
8 demonstrated qualifications.

9 (iii) A master's degree or higher from a
10 regionally accredited college or university.

11 (C) Chief school business official endorsement. A
12 chief school business official endorsement shall be
13 affixed to the Professional Educator License of any
14 holder who qualifies by having a master's degree or
15 higher, 2 years of full-time administrative experience
16 in school business management or 2 years of
17 university-approved practical experience, and a
18 minimum of 24 semester hours of graduate credit in a
19 program approved by the State Board of Education for
20 the preparation of school business administrators and
21 by passage of the applicable State tests. The chief
22 school business official endorsement may also be
23 affixed to the Professional Educator License of any
24 holder who qualifies by having a master's degree in
25 business administration, finance, or accounting and
26 who completes an additional 6 semester hours of

1 internship in school business management from a
2 regionally accredited institution of higher education
3 and passes the applicable State tests. This
4 endorsement shall be required for any individual
5 employed as a chief school business official.

6 (D) Superintendent endorsement. A superintendent
7 endorsement shall be affixed to the Professional
8 Educator License of any holder who has completed a
9 program approved by the State Board of Education for
10 the preparation of superintendents of schools, has had
11 at least 2 years of experience employed as a full-time
12 principal, director of special education, or chief
13 school business official in the public schools or in a
14 State-recognized nonpublic school in which the chief
15 administrator is required to have the licensure
16 necessary to be a principal in a public school in this
17 State and where a majority of the teachers are required
18 to have the licensure necessary to be instructors in a
19 public school in this State, and has passed the
20 required State tests; or of any holder who has
21 completed a program from out-of-state that has a
22 program with recognition standards comparable to those
23 approved by the State Superintendent of Education and
24 holds the general administrative, principal, or chief
25 school business official endorsement and who has had 2
26 years of experience as a principal, director of special

1 education, or chief school business official while
2 holding a valid educator license or certificate
3 comparable in validity and educational and experience
4 requirements and has passed the appropriate State
5 tests, as provided in Section 21B-30 of this Code. The
6 superintendent endorsement shall allow individuals to
7 serve only as a superintendent or assistant
8 superintendent.

9 (E) Teacher leader endorsement. It shall be the
10 policy of this State to improve the quality of
11 instructional leaders by providing a career pathway
12 for teachers interested in serving in leadership
13 roles, but not as principals. The State Board of
14 Education, in consultation with the State Educator
15 Preparation and Licensure Board, may issue a teacher
16 leader endorsement under this subdivision (E). Persons
17 who meet and successfully complete the requirements of
18 the endorsement shall be issued a teacher leader
19 endorsement on the Professional Educator License for
20 serving in schools in this State. Teacher leaders may
21 qualify to serve in such positions as department
22 chairs, coaches, mentors, curriculum and instruction
23 leaders, or other leadership positions as defined by
24 the district. The endorsement shall be available to
25 those teachers who (i) hold a Professional Educator
26 License, (ii) hold a master's degree or higher from a

1 regionally accredited institution, (iii) have
2 completed a program of study that has been approved by
3 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the
4 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, and
5 (iv) have taken coursework in all of the following
6 areas:

7 (I) Leadership.

8 (II) Designing professional development to
9 meet teaching and learning needs.

10 (III) Building school culture that focuses on
11 student learning.

12 (IV) Using assessments to improve student
13 learning and foster school improvement.

14 (V) Building collaboration with teachers and
15 stakeholders.

16 A teacher who meets the requirements set forth in
17 this Section and holds a teacher leader endorsement may
18 evaluate teachers pursuant to Section 24A-5 of this
19 Code, provided that the individual has completed the
20 evaluation component required by Section 24A-3 of this
21 Code and a teacher leader is allowed to evaluate
22 personnel under the respective school district's
23 collective bargaining agreement.

24 The State Board of Education, in consultation with
25 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board,
26 may adopt such rules as may be necessary to establish

1 and implement the teacher leader endorsement program
2 and to specify the positions for which this endorsement
3 shall be required.

4 (F) School support personnel endorsement. School
5 support personnel endorsement areas shall include, but
6 are not limited to, school counselor, school
7 psychologist, school speech and language pathologist,
8 school nurse, and school social worker. This
9 endorsement is for individuals who are not teachers or
10 administrators, but still require licensure to work in
11 an instructional support position in a public or
12 State-operated elementary school, secondary school, or
13 cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or
14 board of control or a charter school operating in
15 compliance with the Charter Schools Law. The school
16 support personnel endorsement shall be affixed to the
17 Professional Educator License and shall meet all of the
18 requirements established in any rules adopted to
19 implement this subdivision (F). The holder of such an
20 endorsement is entitled to all of the rights and
21 privileges granted holders of any other Professional
22 Educator License, including teacher benefits,
23 compensation, and working conditions.

24 (105 ILCS 5/21B-30 new)

25 Sec. 21B-30. Educator testing.

1 (a) This Section applies beginning on July 1, 2012.

2 (b) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
3 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall design
4 and implement a system of examinations, which shall be required
5 prior to the issuance of educator licenses. These examinations
6 and indicators must be based on national and State professional
7 teaching standards, as determined by the State Board of
8 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation
9 and Licensure Board. The State Board of Education may adopt
10 such rules as may be necessary to implement and administer this
11 Section. No score on a test required under this Section, other
12 than a test of basic skills, shall be more than 5 years old at
13 the time that an individual makes application for an educator
14 license or endorsement.

15 (c) Applicants seeking a Professional Educator License or
16 an Educator License with Stipulations shall be required to pass
17 a test of basic skills, unless the endorsement the individual
18 is seeking does not require passage of the test.

19 No candidate may be fully admitted into an educator
20 preparation program at a recognized Illinois institution until
21 he or she has passed a test of basic skills. An individual who
22 passes a test of basic skills does not need to do so again for
23 subsequent endorsements or other educator licenses.

24 (d) All applicants seeking a State license shall be
25 required to pass a test of content area knowledge for each area
26 of endorsement for which there is an applicable test. There

1 shall be no exception to this requirement. No candidate shall
2 be allowed to student teach, serve as the teacher of record, or
3 begin an internship or residency required for licensure until
4 he or she has passed the applicable content area test.

5 (e) All applicants seeking a State license endorsed in a
6 teaching field shall pass the assessment of professional
7 teaching (APT). Passage of the APT is required for completion
8 of an approved Illinois educator preparation program.

9 (f) Beginning on September 1, 2015, all candidates
10 completing teacher preparation programs in this State are
11 required to pass an evidence-based assessment of teacher
12 effectiveness approved by the State Board of Education, in
13 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
14 Board. All recognized institutions offering approved teacher
15 preparation programs must begin phasing in the approved teacher
16 performance assessment no later than July 1, 2013.

17 (g) Tests of basic skills and content area knowledge and
18 the assessment of professional teaching shall be the tests that
19 from time to time are designated by the State Board of
20 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation
21 and Licensure Board, and may be tests prepared by an
22 educational testing organization or tests designed by the State
23 Board of Education, in consultation with the State Educator
24 Preparation and Licensure Board. The areas to be covered by a
25 test of basic skills shall include reading, language arts, and
26 mathematics. The test of content area knowledge shall assess

1 content knowledge in a specific subject field. The tests must
2 be designed to be racially neutral to ensure that no person
3 taking the tests is discriminated against on the basis of race,
4 color, national origin, or other factors unrelated to the
5 person's ability to perform as a licensed employee. The score
6 required to pass the tests shall be fixed by the State Board of
7 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation
8 and Licensure Board. The tests shall be administered not fewer
9 than 3 times a year at such time and place as may be designated
10 by the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
11 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

12 The State Board shall implement a test or tests to assess
13 the speaking, reading, writing, and grammar skills of
14 applicants for an endorsement or a license issued under
15 subdivision (G) of paragraph (2) of Section 21B-20 of this Code
16 in the English language and in the language of the transitional
17 bilingual education program requested by the applicant.

18 (h) Except as provided in Section 34-6 of this Code, the
19 provisions of this Section shall apply equally in any school
20 district subject to Article 34 of this Code.

21 (i) The rules developed to implement and enforce the
22 testing requirements under this Section shall include
23 provisions governing test selection, test validation and
24 determination of a passing score, administration of the tests,
25 frequency of administration, applicant fees, frequency of
26 applicants' taking the tests, the years for which a score is

1 valid, and appropriate special accommodations. The State Board
2 of Education shall develop such rules as may be needed to
3 ensure uniformity from year to year in the level of difficulty
4 for each form of an assessment.

5 (105 ILCS 5/21B-35 new)

6 Sec. 21B-35. Minimum requirements for educators trained in
7 other states or countries.

8 (a) All out-of-state applicants applying for an
9 Professional Educator License must meet all of the following
10 requirements:

11 (1) Have completed a comparable state-approved
12 education program, as defined by the State Superintendent
13 of Education.

14 (2) Have a degree from a regionally accredited
15 institution of higher education and the degreed major or a
16 constructed major must directly correspond to the license
17 or endorsement sought.

18 (3) Have completed a minimum of one course in the
19 methods of instruction of the exceptional child.

20 (4) Have completed a minimum of 6 semester hours of
21 coursework in methods of reading and reading in the content
22 area.

23 (5) Have completed a minimum of one course in
24 instructional strategies for English language learners.

25 (6) Have successfully met all Illinois examination

1 requirements.

2 (7) Have completed student teaching or an equivalent
3 experience.

4 If one or more of the criteria in subsection (a) of this
5 Section are not met, then out-of-state applicants who hold a
6 valid, comparable certificate from another state and have
7 passed a test of basic skills and content area test, as
8 required by Section 21B-20 of this Code, may qualify for a
9 provisional educator endorsement on an Educator License with
10 Stipulations, in accordance with Section 21B-20 of this Code,
11 with the exception that an individual shall not serve as a
12 principal or assistant principal while holding the provisional
13 educator endorsement.

14 (b) In order to receive a Professional Educator License,
15 applicants trained in another country must meet all of the
16 following requirements:

17 (1) Have completed a comparable education program in
18 another country.

19 (2) Have had transcripts evaluated by an evaluation
20 service approved by the State Superintendent of Education.

21 (3) Hold a degreed major that must directly correspond
22 to the license or endorsement sought.

23 (4) Have completed a minimum of one course in the
24 methods of instruction of the exceptional child.

25 (5) Have completed a minimum of 6 semester hours of
26 coursework in methods of reading and reading in the content

1 area.

2 (6) Have completed a minimum of one course in
3 instructional strategies for English language learners.

4 (7) Have successfully met all State licensure
5 examination requirements.

6 (8) Have completed student teaching or an equivalent
7 experience.

8 If one or more of these criteria are not met, then an
9 applicant trained in another country who has passed a test of
10 basic skills and content area test, as required by Section
11 21B-20 of this Code, may qualify for a provisional educator
12 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations, with the
13 exception that an individual shall not serve as a principal or
14 assistant principal while holding the provisional educator
15 endorsement.

16 (c) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
17 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt such
18 rules as may be necessary to implement this Section.

19 (105 ILCS 5/21B-40 new)

20 Sec. 21B-40. Fees.

21 (a) Beginning with the start of the new licensure system
22 established pursuant to this Article, the following fees shall
23 be charged to applicants:

24 (1) A \$75 application fee for a Professional Educator
25 License or an Educator License with Stipulations and for

1 individuals seeking a Substitute Teaching License.
2 However, beginning on January 1, 2015, the application fee
3 for a Professional Educator License, Educator License with
4 Stipulations, or Substitute Teaching License shall be
5 \$100.

6 (2) A \$150 application fee for individuals who have
7 completed an approved educator preparation program outside
8 of this State or who hold a valid, comparable credential
9 from another state or country and are seeking any of the
10 licenses set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection
11 (a).

12 (3) A \$50 application fee for each endorsement or
13 approval an individual holding a license wishes to add to
14 that license.

15 (4) A \$10 per year registration fee for the course of
16 the validity cycle to register the license, which shall be
17 paid to the regional office of education having supervision
18 and control over the school in which the individual holding
19 the license is to be employed. If the individual holding
20 the license is not yet employed, then the license may be
21 registered in any county in this State. The registration
22 fee must be paid in its entirety the first time the
23 individual registers the license for a particular validity
24 period in a single region. No additional fee may be charged
25 for that validity period should the individual
26 subsequently register the license in additional regions.

1 An individual must register the license (i) immediately
2 after initial issuance of the license and (ii) at the
3 beginning of each renewal cycle if the individual has
4 satisfied the renewal requirements required under this
5 Code.

6 (b) All application fees paid pursuant to subdivisions (1)
7 through (3) of subsection (a) of this Section shall be
8 deposited into the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund and
9 shall be used, subject to appropriation, by the State Board of
10 Education to provide the technology and human resources
11 necessary for the timely and efficient processing of
12 applications. The Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund is not
13 subject to administrative charge transfers, authorized under
14 Section 8h of the State Finance Act, from the Teacher
15 Certificate Fee Revolving Fund into any other fund of this
16 State, and moneys in the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund
17 shall not revert back to the General Revenue Fund at any time.

18 The regional superintendent of schools shall deposit the
19 registration fees paid pursuant to subdivision (4) of
20 subsection (a) of this Section into the institute fund
21 established pursuant to Section 3-11 of this Code.

22 (c) The State Board of Education and each regional office
23 of education are authorized to charge a service or convenience
24 fee for the use of credit cards for the payment of license
25 fees. This service or convenience fee shall not exceed the
26 amount required by the credit card processing company or vendor

1 that has entered into a contract with the State Board or
2 regional office of education for this purpose, and the fee must
3 be paid to that company or vendor.

4 (d) If, at the time a certificate issued under Article 21
5 of this Code is exchanged for a license issued under this
6 Article, a person has paid registration fees for any years of
7 the validity period of the certificate and these years have not
8 expired when the certificate is exchanged, then those fees must
9 be applied to the registration of the new license.

10 (105 ILCS 5/21B-45 new)

11 Sec. 21B-45. Licensure renewal. All licenses with
12 endorsements are required to complete the licensure renewal
13 requirements as specified in this Section, unless otherwise
14 provided in this Code.

15 Individuals holding a Professional Educator License
16 endorsed in a teaching field shall meet the renewal
17 requirements set forth in subsection (e) of Section 21-14 of
18 this Code. An individual holding a Professional Educator
19 License with a general administrative, principal, chief school
20 business official, or superintendent endorsement issued under
21 this Article who is also working in a position using or
22 requiring that endorsement is subject to the renewal
23 requirements in subsection (c-10) of Section 21-7.1 of this
24 Code. An individual holding a Professional Educator License
25 with a school personnel support endorsement and working in a

1 position for which that endorsement is required must complete
2 the licensure renewal requirements under Section 21-25 of this
3 Code. If an individual holds licensure in more than one area
4 that has different renewal requirements, that individual shall
5 follow the renewal requirements for the position for which he
6 or she spends the majority of his or her time working.

7 All licenses not renewed as provided in this Section or
8 registered in accordance with Section 21B-40 this Code shall
9 lapse after a period of 6 months from the expiration of the
10 last year of registration. The license may be reinstated once
11 the applicant has demonstrated proficiency by completing 9
12 semester hours of coursework from a regionally accredited
13 institution of higher education in the content area that most
14 aligns with the educator's endorsement area or areas. Before
15 the license may be reinstated, the applicant shall pay all back
16 fees owed from the time of expiration of the license until the
17 date of reinstatement. Any license may be voluntarily
18 surrendered by the license holder. A voluntarily surrendered
19 license shall be treated as a revoked license.

20 (105 ILCS 5/21B-50 new)

21 Sec. 21B-50. Alternative educator licensure program.

22 (a) There is established an alternative educator licensure
23 program, to be known as the Alternative Educator Licensure
24 Program for Teachers.

25 (b) Beginning on January 1, 2013, the Alternative Educator

1 Licensure Program for Teachers may be offered by a recognized
2 institution approved to offer educator preparation programs by
3 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
4 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board. Any program offered
5 be a not-for-profit entity also must be approved by the Board
6 of Higher Education.

7 The program shall be comprised of 4 phases:

8 (1) A course of study that at a minimum includes
9 instructional planning; instructional strategies,
10 including special education, reading, and English language
11 learning; classroom management; and the assessment of
12 students and use of data to drive instruction.

13 (2) A year of a residency, which is a candidate's
14 assignment to a full-time teaching position or as a
15 co-teacher for one full school year. An individual must
16 hold an Educator License with Stipulations with an
17 alternative provisional educator endorsement in order to
18 enter the residency and must complete additional program
19 requirements that address required State and national
20 standards, pass the assessment of professional teaching
21 before entering the second residency year, as required
22 under phase (3) of this subsection (b), and be recommended
23 by the principal and program coordinator to continue with
24 the second year of the residency.

25 (3) A second year of residency, which shall include the
26 candidate's assignment to a full-time teaching position

1 for one school year. The candidate must be assigned an
2 experienced teacher to act as a mentor and coach the
3 candidate through the second year of residency.

4 (4) A comprehensive assessment of the candidate's
5 teaching effectiveness, as evaluated by the principal and
6 the program coordinator, at the end of the second year of
7 residency. If there is disagreement between the 2
8 evaluators about the candidate's teaching effectiveness,
9 the candidate may complete one additional year of residency
10 teaching under a professional development plan developed
11 by the principal and preparation program. At the completion
12 of the third year, a candidate must have positive
13 evaluations and a recommendation for full licensure from
14 both the principal and the program coordinator or no
15 Professional Educator License shall be issued.

16 Successful completion of the program shall be deemed to
17 satisfy any other practice or student teaching and content
18 matter requirements established by law.

19 (c) An alternative provisional educator endorsement on a
20 Educator License with Stipulations is valid for 2 years of
21 teaching in the public schools or in a State-recognized
22 nonpublic school in which the chief administrator is required
23 to have the licensure necessary to be a principal in a public
24 school in this State and in which a majority of the teachers
25 are required to have the licensure necessary to be instructors
26 in a public school in this State, but may be renewed for a

1 third year if needed to complete the Alternative Educator
2 Licensure Program for Teachers. The endorsement shall be issued
3 only once to an individual who meets all of the following
4 requirements:

5 (1) Has graduated from a regionally accredited college
6 or university with a bachelor's degree or higher.

7 (2) Has a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or
8 greater on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent on another scale.

9 (3) Has completed a major in the content area if
10 seeking a middle or secondary level endorsement or, if
11 seeking an early childhood, elementary, or special
12 education endorsement, has completed a major in the content
13 area of reading, English/language arts, mathematics, or
14 one of the sciences. If the individual does not have a
15 major in a content area for any level of teaching, he or
16 she must submit transcripts to the State Superintendent of
17 Education to be reviewed for equivalency.

18 (4) Has successfully completed phase (1) of subsection
19 (b) of this Section.

20 (5) Has passed a test of basic skills and content area
21 test required for the specific endorsement for admission
22 into the program, as required under Section 21B-30 of this
23 Code.

24 A candidate possessing the alternative provisional
25 educator endorsement may receive a salary, benefits, and any
26 other terms of employment offered to teachers in the school who

1 are members of an exclusive bargaining representative, if any,
2 but a school is not required to provide these benefits during
3 the years of residency if the candidate is serving only as a
4 co-teacher. If the candidate is serving as the teacher of
5 record, the candidate must receive a salary, benefits, and any
6 other terms of employment. Residency experiences must not be
7 counted towards tenure.

8 (d) The recognized institution offering the Alternative
9 Educator Licensure Program for Teachers must partner with a
10 school district or a State-recognized, nonpublic school in this
11 State in which the chief administrator is required to have the
12 licensure necessary to be a principal in a public school in
13 this State and in which a majority of the teachers are required
14 to have the licensure necessary to be instructors in a public
15 school in this State. The program presented for approval by the
16 State Board of Education must demonstrate the supports that are
17 to be provided to assist the provisional teacher during the
18 2-year residency period. These supports must provide
19 additional contact hours with mentors during the first year of
20 residency.

21 (e) Upon completion of the 4 phases outlined in subsection
22 (b) of this Section and all assessments required under Section
23 21B-30 of this Code, an individual shall receive a Professional
24 Educator License.

25 (f) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
26 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt such

1 rules as may be necessary to establish and implement the
2 Alternative Educator Licensure Program for Teachers.

3 (105 ILCS 5/21B-55 new)

4 Sec. 21B-55. Alternative route to superintendent
5 endorsement.

6 (a) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
7 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may approve
8 programs designed to provide an alternative route to
9 superintendent endorsement on a Professional Educator License.

10 (b) Entities offering an alternative route to
11 superintendent endorsement program must have the program
12 approved by the State Board of Education, in consultation with
13 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

14 (c) All programs approved under this Section shall be
15 comprised of the following 3 phases:

16 (1) A course of study offered on an intensive basis in
17 education management, governance, organization, and
18 instructional and district planning.

19 (2) The person's assignment to a full-time position for
20 one school year as a superintendent.

21 (3) A comprehensive assessment of the person's
22 performance by school officials and a recommendation to the
23 State Superintendent of Education that the person be issued
24 a superintendent endorsement on a Professional Educator
25 License.

1 (d) In order to be admitted to an alternative route to
2 superintendent endorsement program, a candidate shall pass a
3 test of basic skills, as required under Section 21B-30 of this
4 Code. In order to serve as a superintendent under phase (2) of
5 subsection (c) of this Section, an individual must be issued an
6 alternative provisional superintendent endorsement on an
7 Educator License with Stipulations, to be valid for only one
8 year of serving as a superintendent. In order to receive the
9 provisional alternative superintendent endorsement under this
10 Section, an individual must meet all of the following
11 requirements:

12 (1) Have graduated from a regionally accredited
13 college or university with a minimum of a master's degree
14 in a management field other than education.

15 (2) Have been employed for a period of at least 5 years
16 in a management level position other than education.

17 (3) Have successfully completed phase (1) of
18 subsection (c) of this Section.

19 (4) Have passed examinations required by Section
20 21B-30 of this Code.

21 (e) Successful completion of an alternative route to
22 superintendent endorsement program shall be deemed to satisfy
23 any other supervisory, administrative, or management
24 experience requirements established by law, and, once
25 completed, an individual shall be eligible for a superintendent
26 endorsement on a Professional Educator License.

1 (f) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
2 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt such
3 rules as may be needed to establish and implement these
4 alternative route to superintendent endorsement programs.

5 (105 ILCS 5/21B-60 new)

6 Sec. 21B-60. Principal preparation programs.

7 (a) It is the policy of this State that an essential
8 element of improving student learning is supporting and
9 employing highly effective school principals in leadership
10 roles who improve teaching and learning and increase academic
11 achievement and the development of all students.

12 (b) No later than September 1, 2014, recognized
13 institutions approved by the State Board of Education, in
14 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
15 Board, to offer principal preparation programs must do all of
16 the following:

17 (1) Meet the standards and requirements for such
18 programs in accordance with this Section and any rules
19 adopted by the State Board of Education, in consultation
20 with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

21 (2) Prepare candidates to meet required standards for
22 principal skills, knowledge, and responsibilities, which
23 shall include a focus on instruction and student learning
24 and which must be used for principal professional
25 development, mentoring, and evaluation.

1 (3) Include specific requirements for (i) the
2 selection and assessment of candidates, (ii) training in
3 the evaluation of staff, (iii) an internship, and (iv) a
4 partnership with one or more school districts or
5 State-recognized, nonpublic schools in which the chief
6 administrator is required to have the licensure necessary
7 to be a principal in a public school in this State and in
8 which a majority of the teachers are required to have the
9 licensure necessary to be instructors in a public school in
10 this State.

11 Any principal preparation program offered in whole or in
12 part by a not-for-profit entity must also be approved by the
13 Board of Higher Education.

14 (c) Candidates successfully completing a principal
15 preparation program established pursuant to this Section shall
16 obtain a principal endorsement on a Professional Educator
17 License and are eligible to work as a principal or an assistant
18 principal or in related or similar positions, as determined by
19 the State Superintendent of Education, in consultation with the
20 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

21 (d) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
22 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt such
23 rules as may be necessary to implement and administer principal
24 preparation programs under this Section.

1 Sec. 21B-65. National Board for Professional Teaching
2 Standards. Individuals holding certification issued by the
3 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards shall be
4 issued a National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
5 designation on an existing Professional Educator License. The
6 designation shall be issued automatically and added to an
7 individual's Professional Educator License, and individuals
8 need not submit an application.

9 The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
10 designation must be issued only for the same validity period as
11 the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
12 certification, and the designation must be removed from the
13 Professional Educator License when the educator no longer holds
14 the certification from the National Board for Professional
15 Teaching Standards.

16 Beginning on July 1, 2013, individuals holding an Illinois
17 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards endorsement
18 issued pursuant to the requirements of Section 21-2 of this
19 Code must have a current certificate issued by the National
20 Board for Professional Teaching Standards in order to maintain
21 the Illinois National Board for Professional Teaching
22 Standards endorsement.

23 Beginning on July 1, 2012, individuals with the National
24 Board for Professional Teaching Standards designation in
25 specific areas may work only in an area in which he or she has a
26 comparable State endorsement on his or her Professional

1 Educator License.

2 (105 ILCS 5/21B-70 new)

3 Sec. 21B-70. Illinois Teaching Excellence Program.

4 (a) As used in this Section:

5 "Poverty or low-performing school" means a school in
6 academic early warning status or academic watch status or a
7 school in which 50% or more of its students are eligible for
8 free or reduced-price school lunches.

9 "Qualified educator" means a teacher or school counselor
10 currently employed in a school district who is in the process
11 of obtaining certification through the National Board for
12 Professional Teaching Standards or who has completed
13 certification and holds a current Professional Educator
14 License with a National Board for Professional Teaching
15 Standards designation or a retired teacher or school counselor
16 who holds a Professional Educator License with a National Board
17 for Professional Teaching Standards designation.

18 (b) Beginning on July 1, 2011, any funds appropriated for
19 the Illinois Teaching Excellence Program must be used to
20 provide monetary assistance and incentives for qualified
21 educators who are employed by school districts and who have or
22 are in the process of obtaining licensure through the National
23 Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The goal of the
24 program is to improve instruction and student performance.

25 The State Board of Education shall allocate an amount as

1 annually appropriated by the General Assembly for the Illinois
2 Teaching Excellence Program for (i) application fees for each
3 qualified educator seeking to complete certification through
4 the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, to be
5 paid directly to the National Board for Professional Teaching
6 Standards, and (ii) incentives for each qualified educator to
7 be distributed to the respective school district. The school
8 district shall distribute this payment to each eligible teacher
9 or school counselor as a single payment.

10 The State Board of Education's annual budget must set out
11 by separate line item the appropriation for the program. Unless
12 otherwise provided by appropriation, qualified educators are
13 eligible for monetary assistance and incentives based on the
14 priorities outlined in subsection (c) of this Section.

15 (c) When there are adequate funds available, priorities
16 (1), (2), (3), (4), and (5), as outlined in this subsection
17 (c), must be funded. If full funding to meet all priorities as
18 outlined in this subsection (c) is not available, funding must
19 be distributed in the order of the priorities listed in this
20 subsection (c). If funding is insufficient to fund a priority
21 in full, then funding for that priority must be prorated and no
22 further priorities shall be funded.

23 Priorities for monetary assistance and incentives shall be
24 as follows:

25 (1) Priority 1: A maximum of \$2,000 towards the
26 application fee for up to 750 teachers or school counselors

1 in a poverty or low-performing school who apply on a
2 first-come, first-serve basis for National Board
3 certification.

4 (2) Priority 2: A maximum of \$2,000 towards the
5 application fee for up to 250 teachers or school counselors
6 in a school other than a poverty or low-performing school
7 who apply on a first-come, first-serve basis for National
8 Board certification. However, if there were fewer than 750
9 individuals supported in priority (1), then the number
10 supported in priority (2) may be increased as such that the
11 combination of priority (1) and priority (2) shall equal
12 1,000 applicants.

13 (3) Priority 3: The fee for the National Board for
14 Professional Teaching Standards' Take One! (the test for
15 National Board certification) for up to 500 qualified
16 educators who apply on a first-come, first-serve basis.

17 (4) Priority 4: An annual incentive equal to \$1,500,
18 which shall be paid to each qualified educator who holds
19 both a National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
20 designation and a current corresponding certificate issued
21 by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards,
22 who is employed in a school district, and who agrees, in
23 writing, to provide 30 hours of mentoring or National Board
24 for Professional Teaching Standards professional
25 development or both during the school year to teachers or
26 school counselors in a poverty or low-performing school, as

1 applicable.

2 (5) Priority 5: An annual incentive equal to \$1,500,
3 which shall be paid to each qualified educator currently
4 employed in a school district who holds both a National
5 Board for Professional Teaching Standards designation and
6 a current corresponding certificate issued by the National
7 Board for Professional Teaching Standards and who agrees,
8 in writing, to provide at least 30 hours of mentoring or
9 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
10 professional development or both during the school year to
11 classroom teachers or school counselors, as applicable.

12 Mentoring for all priorities shall include, either singly
13 or in combination, mentoring of the following:

14 (A) National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
15 certification candidates.

16 (B) National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
17 re-take candidates.

18 (C) National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
19 renewal candidates.

20 (D) National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
21 Take One! participants.

22 (105 ILCS 5/21B-75 new)

23 Sec. 21B-75. Suspension or revocation of license.

24 (a) As used in this Section, "teacher" means any school
25 district employee regularly required to be licensed, as

1 provided in this Article, in order to teach or supervise in the
2 public schools.

3 (b) The State Superintendent of Education has the exclusive
4 authority, in accordance with this Section and any rules
5 adopted by the State Board of Education, in consultation with
6 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, to initiate
7 the suspension of up to 5 calendar years or revocation of any
8 license issued pursuant to this Article for abuse or neglect of
9 a child, immorality, a condition of health detrimental to the
10 welfare of pupils, incompetency, unprofessional conduct (which
11 includes the failure to disclose on an employment application
12 any previous conviction for a sex offense, as defined in
13 Section 21B-80 of this Code, or any other offense committed in
14 any other state or against the laws of the United States that,
15 if committed in this State, would be punishable as a sex
16 offense, as defined in Section 21B-80 of this Code), the
17 neglect of any professional duty, willful failure to report an
18 instance of suspected child abuse or neglect as required by the
19 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act, failure to establish
20 satisfactory repayment on an educational loan guaranteed by the
21 Illinois Student Assistance Commission, or other just cause.
22 Unprofessional conduct shall include the refusal to attend or
23 participate in institutes, teachers' meetings, or professional
24 readings or to meet other reasonable requirements of the
25 regional superintendent of schools or State Superintendent of
26 Education. Unprofessional conduct also includes conduct that

1 violates the standards, ethics, or rules applicable to the
2 security, administration, monitoring, or scoring of or the
3 reporting of scores from any assessment test or examination
4 administered under Section 2-3.64 of this Code or that is known
5 or intended to produce or report manipulated or artificial,
6 rather than actual, assessment or achievement results or gains
7 from the administration of those tests or examinations.
8 Unprofessional conduct shall also include neglect or
9 unnecessary delay in the making of statistical and other
10 reports required by school officers.

11 (c) The State Superintendent of Education shall, upon
12 receipt of evidence of abuse or neglect of a child, immorality,
13 a condition of health detrimental to the welfare of pupils,
14 incompetency, unprofessional conduct, the neglect of any
15 professional duty, or other just cause, further investigate
16 and, if and as appropriate, serve written notice to the
17 individual and afford the individual opportunity for a hearing
18 prior to suspension or revocation; provided that the State
19 Superintendent is under no obligation to initiate such an
20 investigation if the Department of Children and Family Services
21 is investigating the same or substantially similar allegations
22 and its child protective service unit has not made its
23 determination, as required under Section 7.12 of the Abused and
24 Neglected Child Reporting Act. If the State Superintendent of
25 Education does not receive from an individual a request for a
26 hearing within 10 days after the individual receives notice,

1 the suspension or revocation shall immediately take effect in
2 accordance with the notice. If a hearing is requested within 10
3 days after notice of an opportunity for hearing, it shall act
4 as a stay of proceedings until the State Educator Preparation
5 and Licensure Board issues a decision. Any hearing shall take
6 place in the educational service region where the educator is
7 or was last employed and in accordance with rules adopted by
8 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
9 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, and such rules shall
10 include without limitation provisions for discovery and the
11 sharing of information between parties prior to the hearing.
12 The standard of proof for any administrative hearing held
13 pursuant to this Section shall be by the preponderance of the
14 evidence. The decision of the State Educator Preparation and
15 Licensure Board is a final administrative decision and is
16 subject to judicial review by appeal of either party.

17 The State Board of Education may refuse to issue or may
18 suspend the license of any person who fails to file a return or
19 to pay the tax, penalty, or interest shown in a filed return or
20 to pay any final assessment of tax, penalty, or interest, as
21 required by any tax Act administered by the Department of
22 Revenue, until such time as the requirements of any such tax
23 Act are satisfied.

24 The exclusive authority of the State Superintendent of
25 Education to initiate suspension or revocation of a license
26 pursuant to this Section does not preclude a regional

1 superintendent of schools from cooperating with the State
2 Superintendent or a State's Attorney with respect to an
3 investigation of alleged misconduct.

4 (d) The State Superintendent of Education or his or her
5 designee may initiate and conduct such investigations as may be
6 reasonably necessary to establish the existence of any alleged
7 misconduct. At any stage of the investigation, the State
8 Superintendent may issue a subpoena requiring the attendance
9 and testimony of a witness, including the license holder, and
10 the production of any evidence, including files, records,
11 correspondence, or documents, relating to any matter in
12 question in the investigation. The subpoena shall require a
13 witness to appear at the State Board of Education at a
14 specified date and time and shall specify any evidence to be
15 produced. The license holder is not entitled to be present, but
16 the State Superintendent shall provide the license holder with
17 a copy of any recorded testimony prior to a hearing under this
18 Section. Such recorded testimony must not be used as evidence
19 at a hearing, unless the license holder has adequate notice of
20 the testimony and the opportunity to cross-examine the witness.
21 Failure of a license holder to comply with a duly issued,
22 investigatory subpoena may be grounds for revocation,
23 suspension, or denial of a license.

24 (e) All correspondence, documentation, and other
25 information so received by the regional superintendent of
26 schools, the State Superintendent of Education, the State Board

1 of Education, or the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
2 Board under this Section is confidential and must not be
3 disclosed to third parties, except (i) as necessary for the
4 State Superintendent of Education or his or her designee to
5 investigate and prosecute pursuant to this Article, (ii)
6 pursuant to a court order, (iii) for disclosure to the license
7 holder or his or her representative, or (iv) as otherwise
8 required in this Article and provided that any such information
9 admitted into evidence in a hearing is exempt from this
10 confidentiality and non-disclosure requirement.

11 (f) The State Superintendent of Education or a person
12 designated by him or her shall have the power to administer
13 oaths to witnesses at any hearing conducted before the State
14 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board pursuant to this
15 Section. The State Superintendent of Education or a person
16 designated by him or her is authorized to subpoena and bring
17 before the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board any
18 person in this State and to take testimony either orally or by
19 deposition or by exhibit, with the same fees and mileage and in
20 the same manner as prescribed by law in judicial proceedings in
21 civil cases in circuit courts of this State.

22 (g) Any circuit court, upon the application of the State
23 Superintendent of Education or the license holder, may, by
24 order duly entered, require the attendance of witnesses and the
25 production of relevant books and papers as part of any
26 investigation or at any hearing the State Educator Preparation

1 and Licensure Board is authorized to conduct pursuant to this
2 Section, and the court may compel obedience to its orders by
3 proceedings for contempt.

4 (h) The State Board of Education shall receive an annual
5 line item appropriation to cover fees associated with the
6 investigation and prosecution of alleged educator misconduct
7 and hearings related thereto.

8 (105 ILCS 5/21B-80 new)

9 Sec. 21B-80. Conviction of certain offenses as grounds for
10 revocation of license.

11 (a) As used in this Section:

12 "Narcotics offense" means any one or more of the following
13 offenses:

14 (1) Any offense defined in the Cannabis Control Act,
15 except those defined in subdivisions (a) and (b) of Section
16 4 and subdivision (a) of Section 5 of the Cannabis Control
17 Act and any offense for which the holder of a license is
18 placed on probation under the provisions of Section 10 of
19 the Cannabis Control Act, provided that if the terms and
20 conditions of probation required by the court are not
21 fulfilled, the offense is not eligible for this exception.

22 (2) Any offense defined in the Illinois Controlled
23 Substances Act, except any offense for which the holder of
24 a license is placed on probation under the provisions of
25 Section 410 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act,

1 provided that if the terms and conditions of probation
2 required by the court are not fulfilled, the offense is not
3 eligible for this exception.

4 (3) Any offense defined in the Methamphetamine Control
5 and Community Protection Act, except any offense for which
6 the holder of a license is placed on probation under the
7 provision of Section 70 of that Act, provided that if the
8 terms and conditions of probation required by the court are
9 not fulfilled, the offense is not eligible for this
10 exception.

11 (4) Any attempt to commit any of the offenses listed in
12 items (1) through (3) of this definition.

13 (5) Any offense committed or attempted in any other
14 state or against the laws of the United States that, if
15 committed or attempted in this State, would have been
16 punishable as one or more of the offenses listed in items
17 (1) through (4) of this definition.

18 The changes made by this amendatory Act of the 97th General
19 Assembly to the definition of "narcotics offense" are
20 declaratory of existing law.

21 "Sex offense" means any one or more of the following
22 offenses:

23 (A) Any offense defined in Sections 11-6 and 11-9
24 through 11-9.5, inclusive, of the Criminal Code of 1961;
25 Sections 11-14 through 11-21, inclusive, of the Criminal
26 Code of 1961; Sections 11-23 (if punished as a Class 3

1 felony), 11-24, 11-25, and 11-26 of the Criminal Code of
2 1961; and Sections 12-4.9, 12-13, 12-14, 12-14.1, 12-15,
3 12-16, 12-32, and 12-33 of the Criminal Code of 1961.

4 (B) Any attempt to commit any of the offenses listed in
5 item (A) of this definition.

6 (C) Any offense committed or attempted in any other
7 state that, if committed or attempted in this State, would
8 have been punishable as one or more of the offenses listed
9 in items (A) and (B) of this definition.

10 (b) Whenever the holder of any license issued pursuant to
11 this Article has been convicted of any sex offense or narcotics
12 offense, the State Superintendent of Education shall forthwith
13 suspend the license. If the conviction is reversed and the
14 holder is acquitted of the offense in a new trial or the
15 charges against him or her are dismissed, the State
16 Superintendent of Education shall forthwith terminate the
17 suspension of the license. When the conviction becomes final,
18 the State Superintendent of Education shall forthwith revoke
19 the license.

20 (c) Whenever the holder of a license issued pursuant to
21 this Article has been convicted of first degree murder,
22 attempted first degree murder, conspiracy to commit first
23 degree murder, attempted conspiracy to commit first degree
24 murder, or a Class X felony or any offense committed or
25 attempted in any other state or against the laws of the United
26 States that, if committed or attempted in this State, would

1 have been punishable as one or more of the foregoing offenses,
2 the State Superintendent of Education shall forthwith suspend
3 the license. If the conviction is reversed and the holder is
4 acquitted of that offense in a new trial or the charges that he
5 or she committed that offense are dismissed, the State
6 Superintendent of Education shall forthwith terminate the
7 suspension of the license. When the conviction becomes final,
8 the State Superintendent of Education shall forthwith revoke
9 the license.

10 (105 ILCS 5/21B-85 new)

11 Sec. 21B-85. Conviction of felony.

12 (a) Whenever the holder of any license issued under this
13 Article is employed by the school board of a school district,
14 including a special charter district or a school district
15 organized under Article 34 of this Code, and is convicted,
16 either after a bench trial, trial by jury, or plea of guilty,
17 of any offense for which a sentence to death or a term of
18 imprisonment in a penitentiary for one year or more is
19 provided, the school board shall promptly notify the State
20 Superintendent of Education, in writing, of the name of the
21 license holder, the fact of the conviction, and the name and
22 location of the court in which the conviction occurred.

23 (b) Whenever the State Superintendent of Education
24 receives notice of a conviction under subsection (a) of this
25 Section or otherwise learns that any person who is a teacher,

1 as that term is defined in Section 16-106 of the Illinois
2 Pension Code, has been convicted, either after a bench trial,
3 trial by jury, or plea of guilty, of any offense for which a
4 sentence to death or a term of imprisonment in a penitentiary
5 for one year or more is provided, the State Superintendent of
6 Education shall promptly notify, in writing, the board of
7 trustees of the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of
8 Illinois and the board of trustees of the Public School
9 Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of the City of Chicago of
10 the name of the license holder, the fact of the conviction, the
11 name and location of the court in which the conviction
12 occurred, and the number assigned in that court to the case in
13 which the conviction occurred.

14 (105 ILCS 5/21B-90 new)

15 Sec. 21B-90. Administrative Review Law. In this Section,
16 "administrative decision" has the meaning ascribed to that term
17 in Section 3-101 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

18 The provisions of the Administrative Review Law and the
19 rules adopted pursuant to the Administrative Review Law shall
20 apply to and govern all proceedings instituted for the judicial
21 review of final administrative decisions of the State Board of
22 Education, the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board,
23 and the regional superintendent of schools under this Article.
24 The commencement of any action for review shall operate as a
25 stay of enforcement, and no action based on any decision of the

1 State Board of Education, the State Educator Preparation and
2 Licensure Board, or the regional superintendent of schools
3 shall be taken pending final disposition of the review.

4 (105 ILCS 5/21B-95 new)

5 Sec. 21B-95. Denial of recommendation for licensure. Each
6 college or university providing an educator preparation
7 program approved and recognized pursuant to the provisions of
8 this Article shall establish procedures and standards to ensure
9 that no student is denied the opportunity to receive an
10 institutional recommendation for licensure or entitlement for
11 reasons that are not directly related to the candidate's
12 anticipated performance as a licensed educator. These
13 standards and procedures shall include the specific criteria
14 used by the institution for admission, retention, and
15 recommendation or entitlement for licensure; periodic
16 evaluations of the candidate's progress towards an
17 institutional recommendation; counseling and other supportive
18 services to correct any deficiencies that are considered
19 remedial; and provisions to ensure that no person is
20 discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national
21 origin, or a disability unrelated to the person's ability to
22 perform as a licensed educator. Each institution shall also
23 establish a grievance procedure for those candidates who are
24 denied the institutional recommendation or entitlement for
25 licensure. Within 10 days after notification of such a denial,

1 the college or university shall notify the candidate, in
2 writing, of the reasons for the denial of recommendation for
3 licensure. Within 30 days after notification of the denial, the
4 candidate may request the college or university to review the
5 denial.

6 (105 ILCS 5/21B-100 new)

7 Sec. 21B-100. Licensure officers at higher education
8 institutions. Licensure officers at higher education
9 institutions shall adhere to this Code and any administrative
10 rules adopted to implement this Code when entitling candidates
11 for licensure or when adding endorsements. Violations of this
12 Code or implementing rules regarding the entitlement of
13 candidates by a licensure officer shall place the employing
14 institution's educator preparation program in jeopardy,
15 specifically regarding the institution's right to offer
16 programs and recommend or entitle candidates for licensure.

17 Licensure officers are required to attend training
18 conducted by the State Superintendent of Education and review
19 new legislation and administrative rules as such become
20 available. The State Superintendent of Education shall
21 communicate any policy changes to Licensure officers when such
22 changes occur.

23 (105 ILCS 5/21B-105 new)

24 Sec. 21B-105. Granting of recognition; regional

1 accreditation; definitions.

2 (a) "Recognized", as used in this Article in connection
3 with the word "school" or "institution", means such college,
4 university, or not-for-profit entity that meets requirements
5 set by the State Board of Education, in consultation with the
6 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board. Application
7 for recognition of the school or institution as a educator
8 preparation institution must be made to the State Board of
9 Education. The State Board of Education, in consultation with
10 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall set
11 the criteria by which the school or institution is to be judged
12 and, through the secretary of the State Board, arrange for an
13 official inspection and shall grant recognition of such school
14 or institution as may meet the required standards. If the
15 standards include requirements with regard to education in
16 acquiring skills in working with culturally distinctive
17 students, as defined by the State Board of Education, then the
18 rules of the State Board of Education shall include the
19 criteria used to evaluate compliance with this requirement. No
20 school or institution may make assignments of student teachers
21 or teachers for practice teaching so as to promote segregation
22 on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, sex, or national
23 origin.

24 Any not-for-profit entity must also be approved by the
25 Board of Higher Education.

26 All recommendations or entitlements for educator licensure

1 shall be made by a recognized institution operating a program
2 of preparation for the license that is approved by the State
3 Superintendent of Education, in consultation with the State
4 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board. The State Board of
5 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation
6 and Licensure Board, shall have the power to define a major or
7 minor when used as a basis for recognition and licensure
8 purposes.

9 (b) "Regionally accredited", or "accredited", as used in
10 this Article in connection with a university or institution,
11 means an institution of higher education accredited by the
12 North Central Association or other comparable regional
13 accrediting association.

14 (105 ILCS 5/24-14) (from Ch. 122, par. 24-14)

15 Sec. 24-14. Termination of contractual continued service
16 by teacher. A teacher who has entered into contractual
17 continued service may resign at any time by obtaining
18 concurrence of the board or by serving at least 30 days'
19 written notice upon the secretary of the board. However, no
20 teacher may resign during the school term, without the
21 concurrence of the board, in order to accept another teaching
22 assignment. Any teacher terminating said service not in
23 accordance with this Section is guilty of unprofessional
24 conduct and liable to suspension of licensure certificate for a
25 period not to exceed 1 year, as provided in Section 21B-75 of

1 this Code ~~21-23~~.

2 (Source: P.A. 85-256.)

3 (105 ILCS 5/34-6) (from Ch. 122, par. 34-6)

4 Sec. 34-6. Superintendent of schools. After June 30, 1999,
5 the board may, by a vote of a majority of its full membership,
6 appoint a general superintendent of schools to serve pursuant
7 to a performance-based contract for a term ending on June 30th
8 of the third calendar year after his or her appointment. He
9 shall be the chief administrative officer of the board and
10 shall have charge and control, subject to the approval of the
11 board and to other provisions of this Article, of all
12 departments and the employees therein of public schools, except
13 the law department. He shall negotiate contracts with all labor
14 organizations which are exclusive representatives of
15 educational employees employed under the Illinois Educational
16 Labor Relations Act. All contracts shall be subject to approval
17 of the Board of Education. The board may conduct a national
18 search for a general superintendent. An incumbent general
19 superintendent may not be precluded from being included in such
20 national search. Persons appointed pursuant to this Section
21 shall be exempt from the provisions and requirements of
22 Sections ~~21-1~~, 21-1a, ~~and~~ 21-7.1, and 21B-15 of this Code.

23 (Source: P.A. 89-15, eff. 5-30-95.)

24 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.5) (from Ch. 122, par. 34-18.5)

1 Sec. 34-18.5. Criminal history records checks and checks of
2 the Statewide Sex Offender Database and Statewide Child
3 Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Database.

4 (a) Certified and noncertified applicants for employment
5 with the school district are required as a condition of
6 employment to authorize a fingerprint-based criminal history
7 records check to determine if such applicants have been
8 convicted of any of the enumerated criminal or drug offenses in
9 subsection (c) of this Section or have been convicted, within 7
10 years of the application for employment with the school
11 district, of any other felony under the laws of this State or
12 of any offense committed or attempted in any other state or
13 against the laws of the United States that, if committed or
14 attempted in this State, would have been punishable as a felony
15 under the laws of this State. Authorization for the check shall
16 be furnished by the applicant to the school district, except
17 that if the applicant is a substitute teacher seeking
18 employment in more than one school district, or a teacher
19 seeking concurrent part-time employment positions with more
20 than one school district (as a reading specialist, special
21 education teacher or otherwise), or an educational support
22 personnel employee seeking employment positions with more than
23 one district, any such district may require the applicant to
24 furnish authorization for the check to the regional
25 superintendent of the educational service region in which are
26 located the school districts in which the applicant is seeking

1 employment as a substitute or concurrent part-time teacher or
2 concurrent educational support personnel employee. Upon
3 receipt of this authorization, the school district or the
4 appropriate regional superintendent, as the case may be, shall
5 submit the applicant's name, sex, race, date of birth, social
6 security number, fingerprint images, and other identifiers, as
7 prescribed by the Department of State Police, to the
8 Department. The regional superintendent submitting the
9 requisite information to the Department of State Police shall
10 promptly notify the school districts in which the applicant is
11 seeking employment as a substitute or concurrent part-time
12 teacher or concurrent educational support personnel employee
13 that the check of the applicant has been requested. The
14 Department of State Police and the Federal Bureau of
15 Investigation shall furnish, pursuant to a fingerprint-based
16 criminal history records check, records of convictions, until
17 expunged, to the president of the school board for the school
18 district that requested the check, or to the regional
19 superintendent who requested the check. The Department shall
20 charge the school district or the appropriate regional
21 superintendent a fee for conducting such check, which fee shall
22 be deposited in the State Police Services Fund and shall not
23 exceed the cost of the inquiry; and the applicant shall not be
24 charged a fee for such check by the school district or by the
25 regional superintendent. Subject to appropriations for these
26 purposes, the State Superintendent of Education shall

1 reimburse the school district and regional superintendent for
2 fees paid to obtain criminal history records checks under this
3 Section.

4 (a-5) The school district or regional superintendent shall
5 further perform a check of the Statewide Sex Offender Database,
6 as authorized by the Sex Offender Community Notification Law,
7 for each applicant.

8 (a-6) The school district or regional superintendent shall
9 further perform a check of the Statewide Child Murderer and
10 Violent Offender Against Youth Database, as authorized by the
11 Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Community
12 Notification Law, for each applicant.

13 (b) Any information concerning the record of convictions
14 obtained by the president of the board of education or the
15 regional superintendent shall be confidential and may only be
16 transmitted to the general superintendent of the school
17 district or his designee, the appropriate regional
18 superintendent if the check was requested by the board of
19 education for the school district, the presidents of the
20 appropriate board of education or school boards if the check
21 was requested from the Department of State Police by the
22 regional superintendent, the State Superintendent of
23 Education, the State Teacher Certification Board or any other
24 person necessary to the decision of hiring the applicant for
25 employment. A copy of the record of convictions obtained from
26 the Department of State Police shall be provided to the

1 applicant for employment. Upon the check of the Statewide Sex
2 Offender Database, the school district or regional
3 superintendent shall notify an applicant as to whether or not
4 the applicant has been identified in the Database as a sex
5 offender. If a check of an applicant for employment as a
6 substitute or concurrent part-time teacher or concurrent
7 educational support personnel employee in more than one school
8 district was requested by the regional superintendent, and the
9 Department of State Police upon a check ascertains that the
10 applicant has not been convicted of any of the enumerated
11 criminal or drug offenses in subsection (c) or has not been
12 convicted, within 7 years of the application for employment
13 with the school district, of any other felony under the laws of
14 this State or of any offense committed or attempted in any
15 other state or against the laws of the United States that, if
16 committed or attempted in this State, would have been
17 punishable as a felony under the laws of this State and so
18 notifies the regional superintendent and if the regional
19 superintendent upon a check ascertains that the applicant has
20 not been identified in the Sex Offender Database as a sex
21 offender, then the regional superintendent shall issue to the
22 applicant a certificate evidencing that as of the date
23 specified by the Department of State Police the applicant has
24 not been convicted of any of the enumerated criminal or drug
25 offenses in subsection (c) or has not been convicted, within 7
26 years of the application for employment with the school

1 district, of any other felony under the laws of this State or
2 of any offense committed or attempted in any other state or
3 against the laws of the United States that, if committed or
4 attempted in this State, would have been punishable as a felony
5 under the laws of this State and evidencing that as of the date
6 that the regional superintendent conducted a check of the
7 Statewide Sex Offender Database, the applicant has not been
8 identified in the Database as a sex offender. The school board
9 of any school district may rely on the certificate issued by
10 any regional superintendent to that substitute teacher,
11 concurrent part-time teacher, or concurrent educational
12 support personnel employee or may initiate its own criminal
13 history records check of the applicant through the Department
14 of State Police and its own check of the Statewide Sex Offender
15 Database as provided in subsection (a). Any person who releases
16 any confidential information concerning any criminal
17 convictions of an applicant for employment shall be guilty of a
18 Class A misdemeanor, unless the release of such information is
19 authorized by this Section.

20 (c) The board of education shall not knowingly employ a
21 person who has been convicted of any offense that would subject
22 him or her to license ~~certification~~ suspension or revocation
23 pursuant to Section 21B-80 ~~21-23a~~ of this Code. Further, the
24 board of education shall not knowingly employ a person who has
25 been found to be the perpetrator of sexual or physical abuse of
26 any minor under 18 years of age pursuant to proceedings under

1 Article II of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

2 (d) The board of education shall not knowingly employ a
3 person for whom a criminal history records check and a
4 Statewide Sex Offender Database check has not been initiated.

5 (e) Upon receipt of the record of a conviction of or a
6 finding of child abuse by a holder of any certificate issued
7 pursuant to Article 21 or Section 34-8.1 or 34-83 of the School
8 Code, the State Superintendent of Education may initiate
9 certificate suspension and revocation proceedings as
10 authorized by law.

11 (e-5) The general superintendent of schools shall, in
12 writing, notify the State Superintendent of Education of any
13 certificate holder whom he or she has reasonable cause to
14 believe has committed an intentional act of abuse or neglect
15 with the result of making a child an abused child or a
16 neglected child, as defined in Section 3 of the Abused and
17 Neglected Child Reporting Act, and that act resulted in the
18 certificate holder's dismissal or resignation from the school
19 district. This notification must be submitted within 30 days
20 after the dismissal or resignation. The certificate holder must
21 also be contemporaneously sent a copy of the notice by the
22 superintendent. All correspondence, documentation, and other
23 information so received by the State Superintendent of
24 Education, the State Board of Education, or the State Teacher
25 Certification Board under this subsection (e-5) is
26 confidential and must not be disclosed to third parties, except

1 (i) as necessary for the State Superintendent of Education or
2 his or her designee to investigate and prosecute pursuant to
3 Article 21 of this Code, (ii) pursuant to a court order, (iii)
4 for disclosure to the certificate holder or his or her
5 representative, or (iv) as otherwise provided in this Article
6 and provided that any such information admitted into evidence
7 in a hearing is exempt from this confidentiality and
8 non-disclosure requirement. Except for an act of willful or
9 wanton misconduct, any superintendent who provides
10 notification as required in this subsection (e-5) shall have
11 immunity from any liability, whether civil or criminal or that
12 otherwise might result by reason of such action.

13 (f) After March 19, 1990, the provisions of this Section
14 shall apply to all employees of persons or firms holding
15 contracts with any school district including, but not limited
16 to, food service workers, school bus drivers and other
17 transportation employees, who have direct, daily contact with
18 the pupils of any school in such district. For purposes of
19 criminal history records checks and checks of the Statewide Sex
20 Offender Database on employees of persons or firms holding
21 contracts with more than one school district and assigned to
22 more than one school district, the regional superintendent of
23 the educational service region in which the contracting school
24 districts are located may, at the request of any such school
25 district, be responsible for receiving the authorization for a
26 criminal history records check prepared by each such employee

1 and submitting the same to the Department of State Police and
2 for conducting a check of the Statewide Sex Offender Database
3 for each employee. Any information concerning the record of
4 conviction and identification as a sex offender of any such
5 employee obtained by the regional superintendent shall be
6 promptly reported to the president of the appropriate school
7 board or school boards.

8 (g) In order to student teach in the public schools, a
9 person is required to authorize a fingerprint-based criminal
10 history records check and checks of the Statewide Sex Offender
11 Database and Statewide Child Murderer and Violent Offender
12 Against Youth Database prior to participating in any field
13 experiences in the public schools. Authorization for and
14 payment of the costs of the checks must be furnished by the
15 student teacher. Results of the checks must be furnished to the
16 higher education institution where the student teacher is
17 enrolled and the general superintendent of schools.

18 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07; 96-431, eff. 8-13-09;
19 96-1452, eff. 8-20-10.)

20 Section 20. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is
21 amended by changing Section 65.45 as follows:

22 (110 ILCS 947/65.45)

23 Sec. 65.45. Special education grants.

24 (a) Special education grants shall be awarded by the

1 Commission to (i) teachers under contract who are teaching
2 special education courses in a school district within an area
3 designated as a poverty area by the Office of Economic
4 Opportunity, but who are not certified to teach special
5 education programs pursuant to Section 14-9.01 of the School
6 Code and (ii) teachers licensed ~~certified~~ pursuant to Section
7 21B-15 ~~21-1~~ of the School Code, but who are not certified
8 pursuant to Section 14-9.01 of that Code. The amount of any
9 grant awarded a participating teacher under this Section shall
10 consist of (i) the tuition and other necessary fees required of
11 the teacher by the institution of higher learning at which he
12 or she enrolls under this Section, but limited to the maximum
13 amount to which a student enrolled in that institution would be
14 entitled as a scholarship under Section 35 of this Act, and
15 (ii) a stipend of \$100 for each semester hour or equivalent,
16 not exceeding 21 semester hours, for continuous enrollment,
17 including summer sessions, in one calendar year. For purposes
18 of this Section "tuition and other necessary fees" has the
19 meaning ascribed to that term in Section 35 of this Act.
20 Participating teachers shall enroll in an institution of higher
21 learning providing special education programs. Such
22 institutions shall be approved by the Commission, in
23 conjunction with the State Board of Education and the Board of
24 Higher Education.

25 (b) Teachers under contract who participate in this program
26 shall be required to contract with the Commission to teach a

1 special education program for 2 years in a school district
2 within an area designated as a poverty area by the Office of
3 Economic Opportunity. Such commitment shall begin at the
4 completion of the training program of the participating teacher
5 and shall be completed within 3 years unless extended by the
6 Commission. In addition, the participating teacher shall be
7 required to sign a note payable to the Commission, for the full
8 amount of benefits awarded to that teacher under this Section,
9 with interest as provided herein, subject to cancellation as
10 provided in this Section. Completion of one year of such
11 commitment shall operate to cancel 50% of the amount of
12 benefits provided a participating teacher. The failure of a
13 participating teacher to complete all or part of such
14 commitment shall obligate the participant to proportionately
15 repay the amount of benefits provided, plus 5% interest on that
16 amount. Participating teachers who are not under contract shall
17 be subject to those obligations, except that such teachers
18 shall be required to teach in a special education program for
19 such 2 year period in a school district within an area
20 designated as a poverty area by the Office of Economic
21 Opportunity.

22 (c) If a participating teacher fails to cancel his or her
23 commitment as provided in this Section, the Commission shall
24 cause an appropriate action to be commenced on the note signed
25 by that teacher, except where the failure to cancel the
26 commitment was occasioned by the death or total and permanent

1 disability of that teacher.

2 (d) This Section is substantially the same as Section
3 30-14.3 of the School Code, which Section is repealed by this
4 amendatory Act of 1993, and shall be construed as a
5 continuation of the special education grant program
6 established by that prior law and not as a new or different
7 special education grant program. The State Board of Education
8 shall transfer to the Commission, as the successor to the State
9 Board of Education for all purposes of administering and
10 implementing the provisions of this Section, all books,
11 accounts, records, papers, documents, contracts, agreements,
12 and pending business in any way relating to the special
13 education grant program continued under this Section; and all
14 grants at any time made under that program by, and all
15 applications for any such grants at any time made to, the State
16 Board of Education shall be unaffected by the transfer to the
17 Commission of all responsibility for the administration and
18 implementation of the special education grant program
19 continued under this Section. The State Board of Education
20 shall furnish to the Commission such other information as the
21 Commission may request to assist it in administering this
22 Section.

23 (e) As used in this Section the term "special education
24 program" means a program provided for children who have such
25 disabilities as are set forth in Sections 14-1.02 through
26 14-1.07 of the School Code.

1 (Source: P.A. 88-228.)

2 (105 ILCS 5/21-0.01 rep.)

3 (105 ILCS 5/21-1 rep.)

4 (105 ILCS 5/21-1c rep.)

5 (105 ILCS 5/21-2b rep.)

6 (105 ILCS 5/21-5a rep.)

7 (105 ILCS 5/21-7.10 rep.)

8 (105 ILCS 5/21-13 rep.)

9 (105 ILCS 5/21-15 rep.)

10 (105 ILCS 5/21-17 rep.)

11 (105 ILCS 5/21-21 rep.)

12 (105 ILCS 5/21-21.1 rep.)

13 (105 ILCS 5/21-23 rep.)

14 (105 ILCS 5/21-23a rep.)

15 (105 ILCS 5/21-23b rep.)

16 (105 ILCS 5/21-24 rep.)

17 (105 ILCS 5/21-28 rep.)

18 (105 ILCS 5/21-29 rep.)

19 Section 25. The School Code is amended by repealing
20 Sections 21-0.01, 21-1, 21-1c, 21-2b, 21-5a, 21-7.10, 21-13,
21 21-15, 21-17, 21-21, 21-21.1, 21-23, 21-23a, 21-23b, 21-24,
22 21-28, and 21-29.

23 Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes
24 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text

1 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section
2 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does
3 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes
4 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other
5 Public Act.

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
7 2011.".